

**SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

(JANUARY 1, 2014 - DECEMBER 31, 2014)

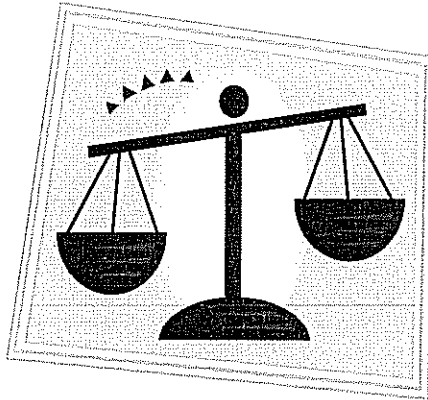


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Presiding and Administrative Judge**

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SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT



JUDGE
Gayle Williams-Byers

CLERK OF COURT
Chardale P. Sumpter

December 23, 2015

Mayor Georgine Welo
Members of the South Euclid City Council
Cuyahoga County Executive and Council Members

The Annual Report for the South Euclid Municipal Court for the year ending December 31, 2014 is hereby submitted which summarizes the court's finances and caseload as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.14 (A) (4). This report describes the daily operations of Clerk of Court which includes the civil, criminal/traffic and probation divisions. Revenue from the court is generated by fines and court costs assessed and distributed to the State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County, City of South Euclid and Cleveland Metropolitan Park District. Additional disbursements include bond refunds, restitution, rent escrow receipts and miscellaneous refunds for overpayments of fines and costs.

The year 2014 brought many exciting changes to the South Euclid Municipal Court. The Court is still one of only three municipal courts in Northeast Ohio to become "paperless" or utilize technology to store and retrieve case-related information. The scheduling of traffic, criminal, or civil cases for court appearances are now sent by electronic mail (email) to the party's attorney of record and prosecuting or opposing attorney. The rule does not apply to pro se parties or defendants who are considered self-represented litigants.

The court also expanded its internship and community outreach programs. To maximize the effectiveness of Night Court, the sessions are now held the 4th Thursday of the month except for November and December. Students from the South Euclid/Lyndhurst School District selected the New Court Logo which is proudly and prominently displayed on the court's new website. Judge Byers participated in the "Youth in Peril" Community Meeting sponsored by the South Euclid City Council Safety Committee. South Euclid Municipal Court was honored to have an opportunity to assist young people with their career aspirations. Zachery Chaikin, an advanced placement student at Charles F. Brush High School, Terel Walker, a student at ITT Tech, Ericka Cleggett a recent graduate from the University of Phoenix, Sonya Kapour, a law student at Case Western Reserve and Sydney Saffold a law student at the University of Cincinnati, were selected as Interns.

The court participated in a "Can Food Drive" led by our interns. The effort was dubbed the "Bag for A Bag" campaign where the South Euclid Municipal Court teamed with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation to secure more than 500 lbs. of can goods which were donated to the Cleveland Food Bank Harvest for Hunger Campaign. Each participant received a Cleveland Clinic Tote Bag no matter the amount of their contribution.

More than a dozen school and youth groups ranging from students at Greenview Elementary,

ArcTech and Brush High along with others participated in Democracy Days. The program is a special learning experience where schools, community groups and local athletic teams are invited to spend a day at the court to witness, firsthand the important role the court plays in our system of democracy.

The court's total receipts for the year ending December 31, 2014 were \$1,142,562.56. Operating costs of the court paid through the City of South Euclid's General Fund totaled \$643,451.61, the breakdown is as follows:

City of South Euclid	\$538,192.11
Clerk of Court Computer Fund	36,380.00
Computer Fund	10,925.00
Special Projects Fund	54,438.00
OVI-Indigent Alc. Treatment Program	25.00
IATC-Indigent Alc. Treatment Fund	3391.50
IND Driver Int/Alc Fund - IDIAM	100.00

Funds from the Courts Computer Fund and Special Project Funds were used as in previous years to pay in whole or in part, the salaries of the court magistrate, security bailiffs, and IT Administrator as well as educational workshops, training, democracy days for students and technological upgrades.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle Williams-Byers
Administrative & Presiding Judge

COURT PERSONNEL

Gayle F. Williams-Byers
Administrative and Presiding Judge

Judge Gayle F. Williams-Byers was elected to the South Euclid Municipal Court in November 2011. She is a native Clevelander and is a graduate of Shaw High School in East Cleveland, Ohio. Judge Byers earned her Bachelors degree in Political Science and Sociology with a minor in Economics as well as her Master's Degree in Nonprofit Organization and Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University.

Judge Byers' professional experience includes serving as Manager of State Affairs for Advocates Highway and Auto Safety in Washington, DC, where she worked on safety legislation related to DUI, distracted driving and working to make safety belt violations a primary offenses. She served as a Legislative Aide to the United States Senate Clean Air Sub-Committee with a focus on energy, environment and transportation legislation.

Prior to ascending to the bench, Judge Byers served as a supervisor in the office of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. In this capacity, Judge Byers was both a Region Supervisor of litigating prosecutors as well as the Grand Jury Supervisor, overseeing all felony indictments across Cuyahoga County. Additionally, Judge Byers served as an adjunct faculty member at Cuyahoga Community College in the Department of Law enforcement. While on staff, she taught courses in Criminal, Constitutional and Juvenile Law as well as 4th Amendment Search and Seizure.

In 2012, Judge Byers delivered the Fall Commencement address at ITT Technical College, in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. During the same time, she earned several grants and scholarships to further improve her role changes in the law as a jurist.

Separate and apart from the court, Judge Byers is committed to the South Euclid community and beyond. This commitment is demonstrated by her work and volunteerism with several local organization and causes.

Judge Byers is happily married to Gregory D. Byers, Jr. They are the proud parents of Gregory W. Byers.

Dean M. Valore
Magistrate

Dean Valore is a former Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Department of Justice. While a federal prosecutor, he focused on complex domestic and international organized crime prosecutions, federal corruption cases, and criminal civil rights violations. In 2010, Dean received an award from the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigations for his work as a Federal Prosecutor. Currently, he is now managing partner of the law firm Valore & Gordillo, LLP in Cleveland and also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Cleveland- Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. Dean holds a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Miami University and a Juris Doctorate degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He is married to the former Ann Ferguson. They are the proud parents of Gabriel and Camila.

Isaiah K. Simmons
Chief Administrative Bailiff

Isaiah is a native of Cleveland and has lived in South Euclid with his wife, Felicia and their two children, Alexander and Gwendolyn for the past 16 years. Prior to joining the South Euclid Municipal Court, Isaiah worked for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department as a corrections officer for over twenty years. During his time with Cuyahoga County, Isaiah received extensive training and experience in law enforcement. Currently, Isaiah is pursuing his theological degree at Baptist Bible Institute. He recently completed private security firearms training and received a certificate from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. He has attended and received Crisis Intervention Training through the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County.

Annetta L. Fisher
Clerk of Court

Annetta was appointed Clerk of Court in January 2012. For 8 years prior to her appointment, she served as Clerk of Court for the East Cleveland Municipal Court. She attended Cleveland State University earning a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies and a Masters in Public Administration. Annetta also has experience in social services, estate and trust administration and accounting. She is active throughout the county, sitting on several local boards as a member and office-holder and volunteering local organizations. Annetta is a South Euclid resident and enjoys music, reading, sports and spending time with friends and family. She is the proud parent of one daughter Eliese.

Avery J. McCauley
Chief Deputy Clerk

Avery is a South Euclid resident who relocated to the Cleveland area in 1982 upon graduation from Murray State University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminology. She has several years experience in the fields of criminal justice and social services having spent 16 years with the Adult Parole Authority and 11 years as assistant director of the Harbor Light Complex. She is a community activist and volunteers her time with several local youth organizations and causes. Avery is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as well as several local organizations. She has numerous hobbies which include drawing, attending automobile shows, dog shows and traveling. Avery is an avid supporter of the Cleveland Browns and a devoted pet-parent to her lovable puggle "Smalls."

Steven Flowe
Chief Probation Officer

Steven, a proud 25-year resident of South Euclid brings 15 years of experience to the South Euclid Municipal Court. Prior to joining the court, Steven was a probation officer with the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. He gained valuable experience in pre-trial report preparation, electronic monitoring, intensive supervision, pre-sentence investigations and general supervision. Steven was born and raised in Cincinnati, which makes him a lifelong "Bengals" fan. He attended Bowling Green State University and graduated from Cleveland State University with a degree in Social Work and minor in Criminal Justice. Further, Steven has completed graduate courses in Public Administration. He has been married for 24 years and is the proud parent of one daughter.

Patricia Overberger**Deputy Clerk**

Patty celebrated her 10th year with the South Euclid Municipal Court on October 11, 2012. At that time, she worked exclusively in the court's civil division. However, since 2012, Patty has been cross-trained in both Civil and Criminal clerk duties, making her not only a transitional employee, but one who is frequently called upon to train others. She has resided in the City of South Euclid for the past 50 years. Her interests include jazzercise and her Labrador "Bailey". Patty is a graduate of Charles F. Brush High and has been married for 31 years. She and her husband are the proud parents of one daughter and one son.

Mary Ann Zaky**Deputy Clerk**

Maryann is a Parma Heights resident and graduate of Cleveland State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. She has recently returned to school part time to complete her law degree at the Cleveland Marshall College of Law. Maryann brings both managerial and customer service experience to the court. She is active in the community and volunteers in various charities.

Jennifer McCown**Deputy Clerk**

Jennifer has been a resident of South Euclid for over 30 years. A graduate of Charles F. Brush High School, Jennifer brings experience from banking, mortgage lending, customer service, and financial research. In her spare time, Jennifer likes to respond to her second love – baking, as she is an accomplished pastry chef. Her first love and priority is her only daughter, Mia.

Lester Holmes**Systems Administrator/Deputy Clerk**

Lester is a former journalist who brings more than 13 years of professional experience in media and technology to the South Euclid Municipal Court. He serves in several capacities including system administrator and deputy clerk. As systems administrator, he is responsible for spearheading the manner in which the court uses technology to better serve the public. Lester has been integral in leading the court's initiative to become completely "Paperless." He is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa (Go Steelers) and is a graduate of Wilberforce University with a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Media Communications. Lester is a dedicated member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and resides in South Euclid.

Terel Walker**IT Technician/Deputy Clerk**

Mr. Walker is an ITT student, who has earned his Associates Degree in Computer Science, Specifically CNS/Computer Network Systems. Terel was hired after completing an internship with the South Euclid Municipal court as part of the federal work study program. Terel has been interested in computers since kindergarten when they were introduced in the classroom. He is an accomplished web designer, skilled graphic editor, writer, car enthusiast and an avid reader. Some of his goals include continuing his education in the field of Information Technology including gaining certifications and extensive knowledge in the areas of CompTIA, CCNA, Apple Certifications and Linux.

Chardale P. Sumpter**Bookkeeper/Deputy Clerk**

Chardale joined the South Euclid Court staff as a part-time Bookkeeper and Deputy Clerk, working in the Civil division. She has been a resident of South Euclid for approximately a year. She has worked in the field of Financial Aid as an Administrator and later as a Consultant to Private-Career Schools. Her experience includes spending more than 20 years in her related field including as a liaison to the United States Department of Education - Title IV Funding. Prior to joining the South Euclid Municipal Court, Chardale worked as a trained Contact/Collections/Accounts/Procedural's Representative with the Internal Revenue Service where she received a 5 year Federal Service Award. She is married and is the parent of 2 daughters with one grandson.

Patricia Jagels**Administrative Bailiff/Deputy Clerk**

Patti is a former resident of South Euclid and serves as a part time bailiff/deputy clerk. She has been with the court for the past 8 years. Her responsibilities includes docket management, scheduling, jury management and direct court/attorney contact. She is an avid gardener and enjoys spending time with her family of four children consisting of two sets of twins.

Ray Adornetto**Security Bailiff**

Ray Adornetto has been with the South Euclid Municipal Court for several years as a security bailiff. He is the first point of contact for all who enter the court. Before becoming bailiff, Ray spent more than 34 years as a South Euclid Police Officer. More than two decades of that time was spent as a detective. Ray is happily married with two adult sons. He enjoys gardening and the beach during the summer months.

Gary Patrick**Security Bailiff**

Gary Patrick has been a security bailiff with the South Euclid Municipal Court for several years. Gary is a retired police officer/detective from the Pepper Pike Police Department. He is also an OHSAA licensed baseball official and resides in Cleveland Heights with his wife.

CLERK OF COURT

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CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DISBURSEMENTS

DISBURSEMENTS

CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID

Criminal/Traffic Division

Fines	\$ 231,703.45
Local Costs	\$ 186,259.36
Clerk of Court Computer Fund (Criminal)	\$ 27,920.00
Special Project Fund (Criminal)	\$ 41,748.00
OVI-Enforcemet & Education	\$ 25.00
OVI- indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund	\$ 25.00
OVI- Political Subdivision - Housing	\$ 50.00
Indigent Driver Interlock/AIC Fund	\$ 100.00
Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment	\$ 3,491.50
Expungement Fee -City	\$ 80.00
Bond Forfeitures	\$ 12,328.00
Mis. Costs Collected	\$ 5,915.00
Witness Fees	\$ 9.00
	<u>\$ 517,941.41</u>

Cuyahoga County Treasurer

Felony Fines	\$ 32,074.09
Bond Forfeitures	\$ 1,019.00
Expungement Fee's	\$ 350.00
CRIS Fee's	\$ 10,665.00
Public Defender Fee's	\$ 2,245.00
Crime Stoppers	\$ 139.00
DUI-Housing	\$ 50.00
	<u>\$ 55,542.09</u>

Cleveland Metro Parks	\$ 9,065.00
	<u>\$ 9,065.00</u>

Fines

BMV	\$ 15.00
	<u>\$ 15.00</u>

License Forfeitures Fees

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 CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DISBURSEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Treasurer State of Ohio

Legal Aid	\$	16,600.32	
Seat Belt Fines & Highway Patrol	\$	14,939.50	
Child Restraint Fines	\$	1,524.75	
Expungment Fee's	\$	645.00	
Victims of Crime	\$	22,224.00	
Indigent Defense Support Fund	\$	64,400.80	
Indigent Defense Support Fund-Bond	\$	10,880.00	
Drug Enforcement Fund	\$	7,687.50	
Justice Program Services Fund	\$	225.20	
Liquor Fines	\$	30.00	
General Revenue Fund	\$	17.00	<u>\$ 139,174.07</u>

Board of Pharmacy	\$	100.00	
			<u>\$ 100.00</u>

Other Miscellaneous Disbursements

Bank Service Charge & Credit Card Fee's		8794.95	
NSF Checks	\$	-	
			<u>\$ 8,794.95</u>

Bond Refunds	\$	33,366.00	
Overpayments- (refunded)	\$	657.00	
Restitution Payments	\$	3,648.42	
Fines & Costs Dismissed	\$	-	
Payments to Drug Court			
Court of Appeals			
Bond Transfers			
			<u>\$ 37,671.42</u>

TOTAL CRIMINAL/ TRAFFIC DISBURSEMENTS	\$	<u>768,303.94</u>
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CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 2014	\$ 110,196.85
Receipts	<u>\$ 757,048.70</u>
	<u>\$ 867,245.55</u>

RECEIPTS

Criminal/Traffic Fines & Costs	\$ 506,813.26	
Cuyahoga County	\$ 54,542.09	
Cleveland Metro Parks	\$ 9,065.00	
Treasurer, State of Ohio	\$ 139,286.57	
Ohio Board of Pharmacy	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 709,806.92</u>

ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS

Indigent Driver Interlock & Alcohol Monitoring	\$ 100.00	
Progressive Data Services		
CBC Companies		
Genuine Data Services		
Ohio Department of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services	<u>\$ 3,416.50</u>	
		<u>\$ 3,516.50</u>

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 757,048.70
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CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 2014	\$ 26,111.81
Receipts (Minus judgement amount of \$231,529.19)	<u>\$ 153,984.67</u>
	<u>\$ 180,096.48</u>

CIVIL SMALL CLAIMS-CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Civil Fees (General Fund)	\$ 112,782.67
Clerk of Court Computer Fund	\$ 846.00
Court Computer Fund	\$ 2,538.00
Special Project Fund	\$ 12,690.00
1% Legal Aid	\$ 167.68
Civil Judgment Fee's	<u>\$ 24,990.00</u>
Received on Garn's (General Fund)	<u>\$ 154,014.35</u>

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FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014
FUND BALANCES AS OF 12/31/2014

CLERK OF COURT COMPUTER FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2014	\$ 78,185.15
Disbursements From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ (27,920.00)
Receipts From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ 52,828.25
Fund Balance December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 103,093.40</u>

MUNICIPAL COURT COMPUTER FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2014	\$ 89,254.21
Disbursements From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ (8,387.00)
Receipts From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ 11,687.00
Fund Balance December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 92,554.21</u>

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2014	\$ 52,251.13
Disbursements From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ (41,748.00)
Receipts From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ 54,438.00
Fund Balance December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 64,941.13</u>

I.D.I.A.M. FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2014	\$ 14,520.95
Disbursements From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ (50.00)
Receipts From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ -
Fund Balance December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 14,470.95</u>

INDIGENT TREATMENT PROGRAM

Balance on Hand January 1, 2014	\$ 33,111.70
Disbursements From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ (3,491.50)
Receipts From January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	\$ 3,119.00
Fund Balance December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 32,739.20</u>

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CIVIL STATS REPORT

Small Claim Garnishments	47
Civil Garnishments	118
Bank Garnishments	0

GRAND TOTAL	165
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DEBTOR'S EXAMS FILED	0
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WEDDING REPORT

TOTAL WEDDINGS PERFORMED	11
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AMOUNT RECEIVED	440.00
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CASE FILINGS

Year 2014

		CRA	CRB	TRC	TRD	CVE	CVF	CVG	CVH	CVI
JAN	New Cases	8	46	1	219	0	25	12	1	38
	Reactivated	8	36	0	30	0	0	0	0	0
FEB	New Cases	3	31	9	257	0	13	17	0	33
	Reactivated	3	19	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
MAR	New Cases	10	65	7	292	0	18	6	2	30
	Reactivated	6	27	1	26	0	0	1	0	1
APR	New Cases	9	54	6	297	0	21	15	4	30
	Reactivated	7	23	1	45	0	0	0	0	2
MAY	New Cases	3	68	9	305	0	40	14	1	29
	Reactivated	7	43	0	30	0	1	0	0	1
JUN	New Cases	7	98	6	348	1	37	17	2	20
	Reactivated	8	27	0	42	0	1	0	0	0
JUL	New Cases	6	91	6	254	0	31	21	1	30
	Reactivated	5	36	0	48	0	0	0	0	0
AUG	New Cases	4	75	6	270	0	39	14	4	30
	Reactivated	5	39	0	33	0	0	0	0	0
SEP	New Cases	1	75	2	325	2	22	18	3	36
	Reactivated	4	30	0	34	0	0	1	0	1
OCT	New Cases	8	65	3	247	3	27	11	0	39
	Reactivated	8	24	0	23	0	0	0	0	2
NOV	New Cases	3	53	3	264	0	25	5	1	34
	Reactivated	4	35	0	25	0	0	1	0	0
DEC	New Cases	9	58	1	185	1	25	17	1	1
	Reactivated	3	25	0	33	0	1	1	0	0

T O T A L	New Cases	71	779	59	3263	7	323	167	20	350
	Reactivated	68	364	2	419	0	3	4	0	7
	GRAND TOTAL	139	1143	61	3682	7	326	171	20	357

PROBATION

**South Euclid Municipal Court
Probation Department**

Driving Privileges on Bureau of Motor Vehicle Suspensions

Pursuant to legislation effective January 1, 2004, the court may in certain circumstances, grant limited driving privileges to defendant's who are currently under suspensions imposed by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. These suspensions include but are not limited to: 12- point suspensions, failure to pay reinstatement fees and suspensions for driving without insurance. The Court has developed a process through the Probation Department to review and determine eligibility for this type of driving permit. The Probation Department meets with the applicant and outlines the requirements to obtain a limited driving permit. Upon recommendation of the probation Officer, the court may grant a limited driving permit to applicants who demonstrate the need and ability to comply with insurance laws and other Bureau of Motor Vehicle requirements.

Alternative Sentencing Programs

The South Euclid Municipal Court utilizes several alternative sentencing programs when appropriate for the defendant's convicted of certain offenses. These offenses can include: Operating a Vehicle under the Influence, Domestic Violence, Theft, Child Endangering and Drug Offenses. Some of these programs are described below.

Drivers Intervention Programs

Defendants convicted of Operating a Vehicle under the Influence of alcohol or drugs (OVI) on a first offense when appropriate, are ordered to complete a 72 hour residential Driver Intervention Program (DIP), as an alternative to serving a minimum mandatory three-day jail sentence. Defendants who attend the driver's intervention program receive intervention through educational lectures, group counseling and individual screening. Upon completion of the program, the Court is provided with a recommendation for further referral services if needed, such as a full drug and alcohol assessment, AA meetings, residential or outpatient treatment. The ultimate goal of the driver intervention program is to help offenders recognize the seriousness of drinking and driving while reducing the likelihood of a repeat offense.

The South Euclid Municipal Court utilizes four drivers' intervention programs:
Assessment Consultants, Interchange, Safety through Education and the Steven's Center.

The cost to the defendant for attendance at the above listed program range from \$355 to \$500.00. Defendants convicted of other drug or alcohol related driving offenses such as physical control are often referred to attend driver awareness sessions sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). This alcohol intervention program consists of five one hour sessions of guest speakers that focus on the dangers and tragic consequences of drinking and driving. MADD sessions are hosted at thirteen different locations in Cuyahoga, Lake and Lorain Counties, and are usually held once a month at a cost of \$25.00 per class.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANGER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Defendants convicted of domestic violence offenses are often ordered to attend family violence intervention programs. These programs are designed to educate perpetrators of domestic violence through group counseling, including homework assignments focusing on abusive behavior, anger and control issues and family impact. From time to time, the court utilizes Cleveland Municipal Court's Domestic Violence intervention Education and Training Program (DIET), which is a sixteen-week course. The cost for defendant's to participate in the program is \$80.00.

The Court also utilizes anger management programs designed to educate defendants on appropriate ways to express anger and aggression, teaches defendants how to identify triggers to anger and how to manage

stress through counseling and participation. Anger Management Programs generally consist of weekly sessions of ninety minutes each for a minimum of eight weeks. The South Euclid Court utilizes Blaney Training Group Professional Consulting Services for Anger Management counseling. The cost to the defendant is \$99.00.

NON VIOLENT FIRST OFFENDER PROGRAM

Non-violent first offenders with no prior criminal record are eligible for consideration in the court's first offender program. Defendants convicted of offenses such as petty theft, child endangering, underage drinking and minor drug offenses are often placed in the Court's first offender program. The defendant is required to pay a program fee and perform community service hours. Defendants must complete one or more of the following programs: substance abuse educational program, life skills, theft deterrent program and or parenting course.

THEFT DETERRENT:

The Theft Intervention Program seeks to assist individuals using an interactive approach to learning. Participants are encouraged to abandon thinking errors that lead to poor decisions and impulses by replacing it with appropriate decision-making skills. The following topics are covered through a variety of methods including lecture, role-play and worksheets.

1. Learning to distinguish between needs and wants
2. Heightening awareness of the societal impacts of theft
3. Examining emotional and legal costs of court involvement
4. Dealing with defenses- rationalizations, minimizations, blaming and denial
5. Identification of values and morals
6. Learning to accept responsibility through self-evaluation
7. In depth look at personal attitudes and beliefs
8. Learning how to prioritize problems and develop solutions

The course is facilitated by a licensed social worker with more than 14 years employment experience in the criminal justice field. The class meets at the courthouse in a private room set up in a roundtable format allowing participants and the instructor to have a personal connection to the material and one another.

LIFE SKILLS:

The Life Skills course is designed to take individual clients through a process that develops and helps enable him or her to achieve critical and personal changes specifically addressing identity, attitude, values and ethics while uncovering personal potential. Life Skills is self-managed learning through interactive activities. The goal is to help individuals learn strategies and how to set future goals. The cost to the defendant is \$120.00.

ONLINE COURSE AVAILABILITY THROUGH LRS

The South Euclid Municipal Court is now offering court mandated courses, online. These online courses are available for any offender who is ordered by the South Euclid Municipal Court to complete classwork as part of their sentence. The following are a list of classes offered by LRS: Traffic Level I, \$40.00, Traffic Level II, \$130.00, DUI, \$225.00, DUI Intensive, \$395.00, Alcohol and Other Drugs, \$305.00, Theft Deterrent, \$305.00, Anger Management, \$305.00, and Advanced Anger Management, \$395.00. The defendant is responsible for all cost associated with course.

THE CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT SUBBURBAN DRUG COURT PROGRAM

South Euclid Municipal Court is a member of the Cleveland Municipal Court Suburban Drug Court program. South Euclid Court along with Cleveland Municipal Court, Euclid Municipal Court, Rocky River Municipal Court, East Cleveland Municipal Court and Shaker Heights Municipal Court currently comprise the participating courts in this program. Judge Anita Laster Mays is the presiding Judge for

the Specialized Drug Court docket. South Euclid Municipal Court refers low level and non-violent drug and alcohol offenders to the Suburban Drug Court Program.

Offenders referred to Drug Court by the South Euclid Probation Department are assessed by Community Assessment and managed by Recovery Resources. Offenders are given a regular schedule to appear in court. The goal of the specialized docket is to provide a sanction and reward system to encourage long term compliance. The ultimate goal and reward of Drug Court is sobriety and recovery.

Once the offender completes the Drug Court program, the case is returned to South Euclid Court and when appropriate, the record is sealed. The cost of Drug Court is based upon the defendant's ability to pay. South Euclid Court forwards the defendant's Court cost to assist with Drug Court fees.

SCRAM AND INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAMS

South Euclid Court utilizes alcohol monitoring devices as a condition of granting limited driving privileges to persons charged with or convicted of alcohol related driving offenses. These devices include an interlock device and the Secure Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) device. The ignition interlock device is a breathalyzer installed on the vehicle that requires the defendant to submit to a breathalyzer. This device requires the defendant to submit a breath sample before starting the vehicle. If there is a positive alcohol reading, the vehicle will not start. The device also requires the defendant to submit to a rolling rest once the vehicle has been started. The Probation Department receives monthly reports from the reading or failed test. The cost of the ignition interlock is \$75.00 installation and \$70.00 monthly. South Euclid Court utilizes Ohio Interlock.

The SCRAM device can be mandated by the Court as an alternative or in addition to jail as well as a condition of limited driving privileges. The SCRAM device is a bracelet that is installed on the defendant's ankle that captures transdermal alcohol readings twice in an hour by sampling perspiration collected from the air above the skin.

This is a continuous alcohol monitoring system that increases offender accountability. SCRAM monitors the readings and provides the probation department and Court with a report of any alcohol violations. The cost of SCRAM is \$100.00 for installation and \$12.00 per day while in use which the defendant is required to pay.