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## **Interim Report Stevens Point-Plover Joint Municipal Court (Municipal Court)**

### **I. Introduction**

The Municipal Court has found new and ongoing challenges in establishing and administering the caseload here in 2014. The City of Stevens Point and the Village of Plover set numerous goals for the Municipal Court including:

- Efficient processing of cases;
- Professional atmosphere;
- Accountability and responsibility;
- Fair and just resolution for each case; and
- Increased access to court.

This is an administrative report submitted in compliance with judicial regulations regarding the overall operation of the court and not regarding individual cases.

### **II. Timelines**

The Municipal Judge was appointed in April of 2014. An office was established in the courthouse for the court. In May – June of 2014, the Municipal Court Clerk was hired and the computer systems for the court installed and made operational. The Municipal Court began operations with the first session held Thursday, July 17, 2014.

Generally, the Court, located in the City conference room, operates with initial appearances the first three Thursdays of every month at 5:00 p.m. The Court sets mandatory pretrial conferences concurrent with initial appearances for the City, and at a later date for the Village. Cases and hearings are set on a case-by-case basis.

### **III. Current Status**

It is suggested that operationally, the Court has been set up and is currently operating very efficiently. Generally, 1,255 citations have already been processed for the City with 160 having already been processed for the Village. (In comparison, Wisconsin Rapids processes about 3,000 annually and Wausau, about 6,000). The City is on track, therefore, for an annual total of around 5,000. More detailed statistics are attached.

The location of the office and the City conference room has been, overall, very positive. Early on, the Court's computer system is such that only one address was deemed optimal. While the lack of seating and size of the conference room are challenges, it has been shown to be fully functional, readily accessible and recognizable by the public and an overall professional atmosphere. The increased number of initial hearings and timing have proven to provide increased public access to the court.

Any court operation will highlight minor administrative hurdles. Our court clerk, Kari Jozwiak, deserves significant credit and praise for establishing a very efficient, very business-like and very fair and just system in a short period of time. These efforts contribute greatly to the public impression of the court.

### **IV. Conclusions and Future Challenges**

The stated goals of establishing Municipal Court are being met on a very solid basis. The Clerk and the Court are processing a significant number of cases in an efficient, cost-effective manner. The Court has increased access both as to location and time for the public. A professional atmosphere enhances justice for all parties and allows the Court to focus on results which enhance public safety while ensuring just results in individual cases.

It is hoped that this interim report will illustrate the administrative progress of the Court. Future issues which will need to be addressed include court security, improvements in office spaces and functioning and future space needs. As Municipal Court Judge, I am committed to achieving the goals set forth and look forward to working with the City and Village to achieve them.

Michael J. McKenna  
Municipal Court Judge

**Citation Totals by Offense**

Stevens Point Police Dept

Violation Date: 06/01/2014 through 09/30/2014

Court	Agency	Offense Code	Offense Description	Total
<b>SPPD</b>				
<b>Adult</b>				
		343.05(3)(a)	Operate W/O Valid License	18
		343.44(1)(a)	Operating After Suspension	98
		346.05(1)	Operating Left Of Center Line	4
		346.63(1)(b)	Operating W/Pac	26
		346.63(1)(a)	Operating While Intox.	37
		343.44(1)(b)	Operating While Revoked	12
		347.06(1)	Operation W/O Required Lamps Lighted	3
		347.48(2m)(c)	Operator Fail/Have Passenger/Seatbelted	2
		961.573(1)	Possess Drug Paraphernalia	6
		346.935(2)	Possess Open Intoxicants In Mv	6
		343.085(2m)(a)1	Prob Licensee Oper Cl D Veh W/Other Prn Veh	1
		346.62(2)	Reckless Driving-Endanger Safety	4
		946.41(1)	Resist Or Obstruct An Officer	12
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	18
		347.48(2m)(d)	Ride In Vehicle W/O Wearing Seat Belt	1
		125.09(2)	School/Possession/Alcohol	1
		125.07(1)(a)1	Sell Alcohol To Underage Person	1
		346.57(4)(b)	Speeding At School Crossing	1
		346.57(4)(f)	Speeding In Outlying District	2
		346.57(4)(e)	Speeding On City Highway	414
		346.57(4)(gm)	Speeding On Freeway	1
		347.41	Speedometer Violations	1
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	9
		943.13(1m)(a)	Trespass To Land	1
		948.45(1)	Truancy, Parent-Guardian Responsibility	1
		125.07(4)(b)	Underage Drinking-Possess	52
		125.07(4)(a)	Underage Drinking-Procures	5
		346.93(1)	Underage Person Transport Intoxicants In Mv	1
		347.38(2)	Unlawful Siren Or Horn	1
		346.57(2)	Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed	1
		346.87	Unsafe Backing Of Vehicle	5
		346.13(1)	Unsafe Lane Deviation	5
		24.35	Urinating / Defecating On Public/Private Prop	4
		347.48(2m)(b)	Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt	35
		347.48(4)(am)	Viol Of Child Safety Restraint	3
		346.37(1)(c)1	Violate Red Traffic Signal	20
		346.37(1)(b)	Violate Yellow Signal	3
		24.15	Violation Of Fireworks Regulations	2
		346.57(5)	Zone And Posted Limits	7
<b>Adult Grand Total</b>				<b>1,408</b>

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<b>SPPD</b>				
	<b>Juvenile</b>			
		940.19(1)	Battery	1
		943.01(1)	Criminal Damage To Property	2
		24.25(2)	Curfew Violation By Minor^ Age 12-15	5
		947.01	Disorderly Conduct	4
		24.01(3)	Disorderly Conduct With A Motor Vehicle	2
		24.12	Firearm / Weapon Violation	1
		254.92(2)	Minor Possesses Or Purchases Tobaco	5
		961.573(1)	Possess Drug Paraphernalia	1
		946.41(1)	Resist Or Obstruct An Officer	2
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	6
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	3
		125.07(4)(b)	Underage Drinking-Possess	7
			<b>Juvenile Grand Total</b>	<b>39</b>

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<b>PPD</b>				
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		346.14(1)	Automobile Following Too Closely	2
		946.41(1)	Crimes Against Government & Its Administration	1
		947.01(1)	Crimes Against Public Peace Order & Other	2
		496-8(b)	Disorderly Conduct With A Motor Vehicle	1
		341.61(2)	Display Unauth. Veh. Registration Plate	2
		406-7(b)	Drug Paraphernalia Possession, Manufacture, Delivery	5
		346.46(1)	Fail/Stop At Stop Sign	4
		346.18(3)	Fail/Yield Right/Way From Stop Sign	4
		346.18(2)	Fail/Yield While Making Left Turn	3
		346.57(2)	Failure To Keep Vehicle Under Control	1
		346.37(1)(c)3	Failure To Obey Sign Or Signal	1
		346.69	Hit And Run-Property Adjacent To Highway	1
		346.68	Hit And Run-Unattended Vehicle	2
		460-9	Illegal Dumping	1
		346.45(2)	Improper Stop/Proceeding At RR Crossing	1
		346.89(1)	Inattentive Driving	2
		343.43(1)(d)	Lic Restriction Violation-Class D/M Vehicle	4
		406-9(a)	Loud Disturbing And Unnecessary Noise Prohibited	1
		341.04(1)	Non-Registration Of Auto^ Etc	1
		341.03(1)	Operate After Rev/Susp Of Registration	1
		344.62(1)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Insurance	40
		344.62(2)	Operate Motor Vehicle W/O Proof Of Insurance	2
		343.05(3)(a)	Operate W/O Valid License	2
		343.44(1)(a)	Operating After Suspension	17
		343.44(1)(b)	Operating While Revoked	2
		961.41(3g)(e)	Possession Of Thc	2
		406.943.50(a)	Retail Theft Value Of Merch Does Not Exceed \$500.00	15
		943.50(1m)(b)	Retail Theft-Intentionally Take(<=\$2500)	6
		943.20(1)(a)	Theft-Movable Property<=\$2500	1
		496-15(a)	Train Stopping On/Obstructing RR Crossing	5
		943.13(1m)(b)	Trespass To Land-Remain After Notice	2
		346.87	Unsafe Backing Of Vehicle	1
		347.48(2m)(b)	Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt	3
		347.48(4)(am)	Viol Of Child Safety Restraint	2
		346.37(1)(c)1	Violate Red Traffic Signal	2
		346.57(5)	Zone And Posted Limits	26
			<b>Adult Grand Total</b>	<b>168</b>

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