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Cole County Grand Jury Releases Report of its January-June 2010 Term

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI (July 22, 2010) – The Grand Jury of Cole County, Missouri, recently released the report of its January-June 2010 Term. Two hundred nineteen (219) indictments, with 334 counts, were returned against defendants, and approximately 280 persons appeared before the grand jury, either under subpoena or on a voluntary basis, to testify and answer questions asked by the grand jurors.

Of the 334 counts for which indictments were issued, 29 were for offenses against the person, eight (8) were for offenses against the family, 13 were for sexual offenses, 166 counts were for offenses related to controlled substances, 21 were for stealing and related offenses, 36 were for related property offenses, 24 were for offenses affecting public safety, six (6) were for offenses against the administration of justice, eight (8) were for taxation and revenue related offenses, one (1) was for pornography and related offenses, eight (8) were for weapons offenses, 12 were for traffic-related offenses, and two (2) were for other offenses.

“Cole County’s grand jurors actually only hear a small number of the cases that are handled by the prosecutor’s office,” said Prosecuting Attorney Mark Richardson. “My job is to present serious individual felony cases to the grand jury, which listens to testimony and considers evidence before determining whether there is probable cause that a particular defendant committed a particular crime.”

Cole County is one of the few counties in the state of Missouri to use the grand jury. The full report, which also contains information and history on grand juries, can be viewed on the Cole County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office website, <http://www.colecopa.com>.