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Roane County Grand Jury indicts almost 100 cases over two days:

Kingston, Tennessee (Wednesday, October 17, 2012) -

District Attorney General Russell Johnson announced that he presented ninety-nine cases to the Roane County Grand Jury on Monday and Tuesday (October 15th and 16th). According to the Grand Jury Report ninety-five resulted in indictments being returned. Of that number approximately thirty were drug cases, mostly involving the illegal sale of prescription drugs, but several included cocaine and heroin sales. Authorities with local law enforcement, the TBI and the 9th District Drug Task Force will soon be rounding up the individuals named in those new bill indictments.

A large number of cases (50) involved thefts or burglaries and thefts. General Johnson indicated that a number of these can be attributed to people stealing items that can be sold or traded for prescription pain relievers, but he also indicated that the high number of thefts may be due to the depressed economic conditions. "These are to be people who are unable to find work or are just unwilling to do legitimate work, so they steal in order to get by. Some folks appear to have just adopted this type of lifestyle," Johnson surmised.

There were also ten cases involving sex offenses, e.g sex offender registry violations, statutory rapes and other rapes cases of varying degrees.

There were no homicide cases other than a vehicular homicide case that was 'no billed' by the grand jury. There was one 'embezzlement' type case (indicted as a Class B felony theft over \$60,000) that is described in a separate press release.

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