

# CRIMES, NOT MISDEMEANORS

| NAME                   | JOB                    | LOCATION         | ALLEGATION                        | PARTY | DATE     |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Robert A. Young        | County Councilman      | St. Louis County | Bribery                           | D     | 06-06-02 |
| Douglas Jones          | Sheriff                | Clark County     | Lying; sex with inmate            | D     | 11-07-02 |
| Katheryn J. Shields    | County Executive       | Jackson County   | Investigating county contracts    | D     | 03-02-04 |
| Michael Sanders        | Prosecutor             | Jackson County   | Investigating drug tax contracts  | D     | 03-02-04 |
| Dan Tarwater           | County Legislator      | Jackson County   | Investigating drug tax contracts  | D     | 03-02-04 |
| Bill Waris             | Fmr Co. Exec; Lobbyist | Jackson County   | Investigating county contracts    | D     | 05-13-04 |
| Deborah A. Neal        | Municipal Judge        | Kansas City      | Investigated concealed loans      | D     | 10-30-04 |
| Deborah Masten         | Former Mayor           | Kirksville       | Arson                             | NP    | 03-03-05 |
| Carl W. Bussey         | Former County Legis.   | Jackson County   | Perjury, Judge Neal investigation | D     | 05-04-05 |
| Shawn Brown            | Mayor                  | St. Peters       | Soliciting bribes                 | R     | 08-18-06 |
| Sandra McFadden-Weaver | Council member         | Kansas City      | Bank and mail fraud               | D     | 10-07-06 |

**PLAIN TYPE** indicates politicians who appear not to have been the subject of an investigation and shouldn't have been included.

**BLUE TYPE** indicates an indictment on at least one count in a pending case.

**RED TYPE** signals a guilty plea and/or conviction.

**GREEN TYPE** indicates that the individual was not an elected official or candidate for office at the time of the investigation(s).

## NOTES:

**Young:** In 2002 the son of legendary north-side Congressman Robert A. Young III resigned from the St. Louis County Council and pleaded guilty to taking bribes in exchange for working to get the St. Louis County Council, on which he served, to restore limits on the number of taxicabs that operate at the airport. Sentenced to a prison term of a year and a day.

**Jones:** Clark County sheriff indicted in 2002 on charges that he lied to federal investigators during a probe involving sexual contact with an inmate. Sentenced to two months, along with a \$2,000 fine and 240 hours of community service.

**Shields:** Amid a highly publicized feud between the Jackson County Executive and then-County Prosecutor Mike Sanders (see below) about how the county was spending proceeds from a quarter-cent tax earmarked for drug-prevention efforts, Sanders called for an audit, subpoenaed county records and launched a criminal investigation. Accounts in the *Kansas City Star* indicate that then-U.S. Attorney Todd Graves initiated a Byzantine federal probe, which soon widened to incorporate other aspects of county spending, including the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority. Shields was implicated in the sports authority affair but not charged and denied any wrongdoing (see **Waris** and **Tarwater** below). As the investigation continued in 2005, Shields told the *Star* she blamed the unwanted attention on a rival, State Senator Victor Callahan — a former county legislator and fellow Democrat. Shields was the target of a subsequent federal investigation into allegations that she'd made improper use of county employees as chauffeurs. Again, no charges were filed. Earlier this year, as Shields was campaigning for mayor, she and her husband were indicted on federal charges of mortgage fraud after allegedly agreeing to sell their house for an inflated sum and pocketing the excess mortgage money. They have vigorously denied the charges, filed by U.S. Attorney Brad Scholzman, asserting that they were politically motivated and that they have been victimized by a deceitful real estate agent. From a January 5 story in the *Star*: "The couple said federal investigators have spent the past three years scouring Shields' public life and when they could find nothing, they went after a legitimate sale of their home. They said the indictment was politically motivated to derail Shields' mayoral campaign."

**Sanders:** In 2004 then-Jackson County Executive Katheryn **Shields** (see above) reportedly alleged that Sanders was the subject of a federal investigation involving spending of drug-prevention tax funds. The following day then-U.S. Attorney Todd Graves departed from the Justice Department's policy of not confirming or denying federal investigations and refuted Shields' assertion. (In a subsequent written statement, Shields denied having alleged that Sanders was a target.) When Shields opted not to seek re-election after eleven-plus years as county executive, Sanders ran a successful campaign for the post last year.

**Tarwater:** Acknowledges having been interviewed by federal authorities in connection with the drug-prevention tax probe (see **Shields** above) — but not as a target. Rather, it

was alleged that he'd been threatened and offered a bribe by a man he describes as "a supposed Mafia figure" in exchange for steering drug-prevention tax money. Tarwater was also subpoenaed to testify in connection with the Nugent/sports authority allegations (see **Waris** below) — again, according to news accounts (including a statement attributed to the U.S. Attorney), as a witness and not a target — and his testimony strongly contradicted that of fellow Democrats Waris and Shields.

**Waris:** Jackson County Executive 1982-90 and subsequently a lobbyist for the county. Indicted on two counts — lying and obstructing justice — in connection with the wide-ranging federal probe into public spending. Specifically, accused of falsely testifying to a grand jury about whether Katheryn **Shields** (see above) offered a Republican activist, Catherine Nugent, a \$12,000 no-bid contract as an inducement for her husband, Dan Nugent, to withdraw his application for appointment to the county's sports authority. Catherine Nugent said she refused the contract offer; her husband didn't withdraw his application, but he wasn't appointed. Shields denied any wrongdoing. On the eve of his trial in 2005, Waris pleaded guilty to lying to federal agents and was sentenced to three years' probation. (Additionally, in 2005 federal prosecutors also alleged that four years earlier Waris had told two St. Louis Police Officers' Association officials that for \$2,500 he'd deliver the "yes" votes of four state legislators on a bill that would have allowed Kansas City and St. Louis police officers to reside outside their respective city limits.)

**Neal:** Serving a 28-month sentence after pleading guilty to mail fraud in 2005. A federal investigation found she'd borrowed money from attorneys and bonding companies with whom she dealt from the bench in order to fund a gambling addiction.

**Masten:** Kirksville mayor indicted for arson in December in connection with the New Year's Day 2005 fire that destroyed her restaurant, Too Tall's Two Eatery and Spirits. Could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Resigned post but has maintained she's innocent; free on \$25,000 bond pending trial.

**Bussey:** Indicted in January of this year for lying to investigators during Deborah Neal probe (see above). Prosecutors claim Bussey loaned Neal money and then lied about it when questioned by federal investigators. Pleaded not guilty and was freed pending trial.

**Brown:** Arrested last summer on a charge of soliciting and accepting a \$2,750 bribe from a company that wanted to install cameras to bust red-light runners in St. Peters. Sentenced in January to eighteen months. He's a Republican.

**McFadden-Weaver:** Indicted in January for mortgage fraud after misrepresenting her role when signing two mortgages on a home she allegedly did not intend to live in. Trial has been postponed until August; in the meantime voters will decide next week whether to elect her to another term on the Kansas City Council. In last month's primary she trailed challenger Sharon Sanders Brooks 2,301 votes to 1,648.