

## **Mrs. Heather (Royer) Spinks**



### **1. What activities were you involved in as a student at RVHS?**

Mrs. Spinks ran Track her freshman year. She took Art for 4 years, and German for 3 years. She also was in O.W.E her senior year and worked full time at McDonalds.

### **2. What or who was influential in your life that drove you towards your career field?**

The Deputies and Detectives from the Coshocton County Sheriff's Department were influential for her. She worked loss prevention at Walmart for several years and dealt one on one with them through cases she had filed. She grew a desire to pursue a career in Criminal Justice because of those individuals.

### **3. What are your career and job responsibilities?**

Mrs. Spinks is the Pre-Sentence Investigation Director at Coshocton County Common Pleas Court. She is also a state certified Probation Officer and the Administrator for the special docket program at the court, Recovery Court. She is also part of the court security detail and OPOTA (Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy) firearms certified. As the Pre-Sentence Investigator, she interviews offenders that are pleading guilty to felony crimes, investigate their background, and compile a report called a Pre-Sentence Investigation for the judge and both counsels to review and its purpose is to aid the court in sentencing for that offender. Occasionally an offender will be placed under her supervision instead of being placed with the Adult Parole Authority if they are given Community Control Sanctions (probation). These individuals are low level offenders and she is able to provide intensive supervision to those persons. She oversee and facilitate the Recovery Court program. This program is for felony offenders with drug related charges and/or dealing with addiction. They start out with a high level of supervision, by herself and CBHC (Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices) and as they progress and demonstrate change in their lifestyle and abilities to be productive members of society they are gradually decreased in supervision till they graduate from the program.

### **4. How did River View lay a good foundation for your success?**

Granted she did not pursue a college education right after graduation. She waited 18 years after she graduated high school to obtain my Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from COTC. She had many memorable teachers from elementary when she went to Conesville, all the way up through high school. The teachers and the high level of standards that RVHS had, really stayed with her. River View provides high quality education for the youth of this area and strive to employ the best teachers. She is proud to say she is a Black Bear.