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Stark County Woman Found Guilty of Not Paying Child Support Valerie Ziemba Owes Over \$95,000

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, February 22, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Valerie Ziemba, 50, of Jefferson Street West in Hartville, OH, guilty of not paying child support.

Jurors found Ziemba guilty of the following charge:

- One Count of Non-Support of Dependents – a felony of the 4th degree

In April of 2007 Ziemba was ordered to pay child support for her four children. Despite being a registered nurse, having her own catering business, and obtaining a master's degree, Ziemba failed to make any effort in financially supporting her children.

“Valerie Ziemba has gone nearly 12 years without offering even a dime of financial support for her children. Although prosecuting people for not paying court ordered child support is a last resort, Ms. Ziemba must be held accountable,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “My Child Support Enforcement Agency offers many programs to assist non-custodial parents, but if you are going to deliberately break the law, we will prosecute.”

This is the first time in over ten years a criminal non-support case has gone to trial.

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Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Jill Lanzinger is scheduled to sentence Ziemba April 9, 2019 at 9am.

About CSEA

The Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency collects nearly \$76 million annually and handles nearly 46,000 child support cases. Each year it establishes support orders for approximately 4,000 children. Since its inception in 2001, the Criminal Non-Support program has collected over \$45 million through its aggressive prosecution of individuals neglecting to pay child support. You can learn more about CSEA on its website: <http://co.summitoh.net/prosecutor/index.php/divisions/child-support-enforcement>.