

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Father sentenced to prison for Criminal Non-Support

(March 12, 2010) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Brandon Veal, 36, of Akron, OH was sentenced yesterday by Judge Brenda Unruh to one year in prison for the crime of Non-Support of Dependents. At the time of sentencing, Veal owed \$21,842.29 in child support arrears.

The Criminal Non-Support case involved one child. In August of 1998, Veal was ordered to pay \$156.04 per month for the child, which he failed to do. He was charged in 2003 with Criminal Non-Support and in 2004, pled guilty to non-support, a felony of the fifth degree and was placed on community control for two years. Later that year, Veal pled guilty to violating his probation and the original six months of prison was imposed.

Veal continued to ignore his obligation to support his child and in 2009 was again charged with Criminal Non-Support. In July 2009, he pled guilty to that charge, a felony of the fourth degree, and was sentenced to five years community control to permit him to pay the support owed. In 2010, he violated these terms and conditions and was sentenced to one year in prison.

Since the beginning of 2009, Veal has paid only \$400.00 toward his child support order of \$21,842.29.