MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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CSEA sponsors "Dad and Me" photo contest

(Akron, June 15, 2011) ... In honor of June as "Fatherhood Month," the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) is sponsoring a photo contest entitled, "Dad and Me" through the month of June.

Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh said, "We know that when a father is actively involved in the life of his child, that child has a leg up in the world. They will have higher self-esteem, healthier social skills, and are less likely to engage in high risk behaviors, teen pregnancy and drug and alcohol abuse."

CSEA is a division of the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. Favorite photos of a father and his child(ren) engaging in activities will be accepted through June 29, 2011. Winners will be selected on June 30, 2011 and will be notified shortly thereafter.

Walsh concluded, "The goal of the photo contest is to promote involved, nurturing and responsible fatherhood. We know that is best for our children and for our community. Winners will be awarded with four one day passes to Wildwater Kingdom and four tickets to an Indian Game."

Photos can be sent via email through CSEA's website at <u>http://www.co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor</u> or sent via mail to:

Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency Attn: Dad and Me Contest 175 South Main Street Akron, Ohio 44308 Please send copies only as pictures cannot be returned

Be sure to put your name and phone number in the email. Also put the name of those in the photo (first names only will be posted).