

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Drug money forfeited to Akron Police Dept. goes to child support Man sentenced to prison for criminal nonsupport

(Note: two cases outlined below)

On October 8, 2008, Jason Rushin was arrested by the Akron Police Department on felony drug charges. The Akron Police Department seized \$1,379.00 from the Defendant.

On December 1, 2008, Rushin pled guilty to one count of Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the fourth degree, with a Forfeiture Specification, and one count of Driving Under Suspension, a misdemeanor of first degree. The Defendant was sentenced to eighteen months of probation.

The \$1,379.00 that was seized by the Akron Police Department was forfeited and ordered to be paid to the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency, which was picked up and deposited today to be released to the custodial parent for child support.

As of this date, Rushin owes an additional \$21,735.08 in child support arrears for his child. He has a prior felony nonsupport conviction from 2006.

CRIMINAL NONSUPPORT CASE

On January 23, 2009, Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced James Jackson III, 35, of Akron, to twelve months in prison for the crime of Non-Support of Dependents. At the time of sentencing, the Defendant owed \$9,067.33 in child support arrears.

This Criminal Nonsupport case involves one child, who is 10 years old. The Custodial Parent, of Akron, and the Defendant were never married. In 1999, the Summit County CSEA issued an administrative child support order in the amount of \$159.16 per month.

The Defendant failed to meet his financial obligation to his child and was charged with criminal nonsupport in 2006. The Defendant pled guilty to one count of nonsupport, a felony of the fifth degree. The Defendant was placed on community control for a period of two years. In 2007 the Defendant pled guilty to violating his probation and was sentenced to an additional two years of probation.

The Defendant continued to fail to meet his obligation to support his child and also tested positive for drug use. On January 23, 2009, the Defendant pled guilty to violating the terms and conditions of probation and was sentenced to twelve months in

prison. During the last 12 months of the Defendant's probation he had only made payments totaling \$195.00.