

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Mother sentenced to prison for Criminal Non-Support

(Akron, August 14, 2009) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Brenda Burnham Unruh sentenced Jacquelyn Blair, 35, of Akron, OH, to six months in prison yesterday for the crime of non-support of dependents. At the time of sentencing, Blair owed \$29,771.13 in child support arrears.

This Criminal Non-Support case involves two children. Blair was ordered to pay \$246.30 per month, per child, to the Custodial Parent, of Canton. As of earlier this year, Blair had paid only \$200.00 towards her child support order.

Blair failed to meet her financial obligation to her children and was charged with Criminal Non-Support in 2006. She pled guilty to one count of non-support, a felony of the fifth degree and was placed on community control for a period of two years. In 2008 Blair pled guilty to violating her probation and was sentenced to an additional one year of probation.

Blair continued to fail to meet her obligation to support her children and on August 13, 2009 the Defendant pled guilty to violating the terms and conditions of probation and was sentenced to six months in prison.