



FROM THE OFFICE OF
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH

FIGHTING FOR FAMILIES

As Summit County Prosecutor, I have fought for people. Whether you are a victim, witness, survivor, or a parent trying to support your family, I have been on your side.

That's why I feel so strongly about getting parents to pay their court-ordered child support. This money is vital to providing children with basic necessities. Many families depend on this money just to survive.

My office is very aggressive in tracking down parents who owe child support. While my Child Support Enforcement Agency makes every attempt to work with parents to help overcome barriers to non-payment, we still often file felony charges against non-custodial parents who owe more than \$5,000 in back child support, or if they have not made a payment in six months. We also are able to suspend their driver's license.

My Child Support Enforcement Agency collects nearly \$76 million dollars each year, with nearly 46,000 cases. We have helped collect close to \$47 million dollars since we started prosecuting non-custodial parents who haven't paid in six months or owe more than \$5,000. The system is not perfect and we are not always successful, however, I feel we should never stop trying.

August is Child Support Awareness Month. My Child Support Enforcement Agency is offering a great opportunity for parents who owe child support to make things right.

Our Child Support Solutions is a 3-day event, from August 14 through the 16th, to help people start making their child support payments again. It's a one-stop shop for people who need assistance.

Case managers will be available to discuss payment arrangements and potential support modification. Attendees can take a quick, painless genetic paternity test to legally establish paternity. Parents who have their driver's license suspended for failure to pay child support can learn about ways to get their license back the same day. Some parents can also see if they qualify for waiver and compromise of past due support owed to the state of Ohio.

In fact, during the entire month of August, with a minimum payment of \$100 toward past due support, I will forgive an equal amount of past due support owed to the State of Ohio. Qualified payors just need to visit the agency, make the payment, and sign an agreement with a case manager.

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Additionally, we will provide information from a number of local agencies to help attendees finish their education, get a new job and become a better parent.

As always, thank you for your support and patience as I continue to fight for victims and families as your County Prosecutor.

Stay safe,

Sherri B. Walsh



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IN THE COMMUNITY

One of the goals of the Summit County Prosecutor's Office is to engage with the community through our outreach programs. We try to meet as many people as we can at events throughout the county.

Our Community Outreach Division is very active, attending as many events as possible.

That's Community Outreach Advocate **Travis Johnson** along with Law Clerk **Hayden Gilbert** at Hope Fest at Akron's Grace Park. The event was hosted by Akron's Haven of Rest and provided outreach to the homeless population.



We take a lot of pride in helping the less fortunate in our community.

Summit County Prosecutor's Office employees helped prepare and serve food at Open M Ministries. Open M's mission is to break the cycle of poverty and improve the health of our community. Thank you to everyone who participated.



The Summit County Prosecutor's Office provides a wide array of opportunities for interns. Besides assisting in the office, our interns also get to take part in tours of local agencies and services, like the Medical Examiner's Office and the County Jail.



Last month, several interns toured Cleveland Clinic Akron General's PATH (Providing Access To Healing) Unit. The PATH Unit provides care to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse and neglect.



The tour included a look at rooms where sexual assault survivors are treated, as well as how Akron General SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners) nurses collect evidence while also treating people with care and compassion.



We are passionate about keeping the community safe. Assistant Prosecutor **Elliot Kolkovich** spoke with Oasis Senior Advisors at St. Hilary Parish in Fairlawn.

Elliot provided information to help the seniors minimize their chances of becoming victims. Elliot also talked about the latest scams targeting seniors.

Assistant Prosecutors **Joe Dangelo** and **Zachary Neumann** joined Summit County Common Pleas Court Judges **Christine Croce** and **Joy Oldfield** at the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties' No Harm Award ceremony and shelter dedication.

The NO HARM award was established to recognize organizations who have helped survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.





EVERY'S CORNER

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

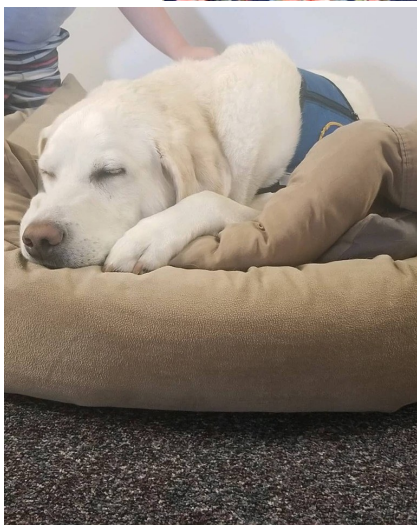
Boy was July hot! For most of the month I just took it easy and tried not to run around too much.

But I did get a chance to meet some really nice humans. They both came to my office because something bad happened.

Both were really nice. I just laid down and took a nap!

But I was really happy—one had a really comfy lap. So I just put my head down and closed my eyes!

I'm glad I was able to be there for them and made them comfortable so they could talk with my human.



This was so much fun! I took a nap with one of my new friends.

His mom works at my office and just placed him with me on my bed. He was very sweet and didn't make a peep!



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GUILTY VERDICTS

July 2019

Congratulations to the following assistant prosecutors for obtaining a conviction at trial.

Rimma Avanesyan Ty Graham

Jon Baumuel (2) Kevin Mayer (2)

Ben Carro Joe McAleese

Jay Cole Zachary Neumann

Joe Dangelo Dan Sallerson

TOUGH PROSECUTIONS

These defendants will be locked up for a lengthy period of time thanks to our dedicated Assistant Prosecutors:

Orlando Tyus, 28

- Murder
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

Donyea Tyus, 30

- Murder
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

Tyler Morgan, 19

- Murder
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

John Smith, 17

- Murder
- **LIFE IN PRISON**



National Dog Day
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

August 26



Help Us Go Green!

Contact Melanie Hart at hart@prosecutor.summitoh.net to receive this newsletter by e-mail



TOP COP

HUDSON POLICE DETECTIVE BRIAN KOZEL

NOMINATED BY ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR SAMANTHA HARDIN

Many police officers and departments we work with go above and beyond when it comes to investigating crimes. They work every lead, speak to every witness, interview potential suspects, and present a complete case to our office.

One officer has set himself apart from the rest. That's why I am nominating Hudson Police Detective Brian Kozel as this month's TOP COP.

I have worked with Det. Kozel on a number of cases. Recently, Det. Kozel investigated a burglary of a home. A situation like this can cause a number of emotions for the victim. Det. Kozel was very attentive to the victims. He was able to piece together what happened and made sure to speak with each of the suspects. His attentive listening allowed him to make a timeline of events. He constantly updated his report of the investigation so that it was clear and easy for me to follow along. He would also call me to provide updates about the status of the case.



I am extremely impressed by his professionalism and pride in his job. He works hard to protect victims and gives his all to each and every case. He takes the initiative to follow up with our office to see if there is anything else we need of him, or how else he can help. He takes the time to do a full and proper investigation of an allegation and thoroughly documents the activity on the case. He is confident in his work and

shows respect to all individuals involved.

As this month's TOP COP, Det. Kozel receives a gift card to Hudson's Restaurant. Thank you Hudson's for your continued support of local law enforcement.

Great job & congratulations Detective Brian Kozel!!!

FRONT PORCH CAFE

As part of our mission to make our community a better place to live, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office provides opportunities for our interns to learn about different organizations.

Recently, our Prosecutor's Office interns had lunch at South Street Ministries' Front Porch Café to learn about the wonderful work they do.

South Street Ministries' Front Porch Café is in the business of creating more than just food. The café opened in May of 2011 with the mission to create jobs and provide job training to unemployed and underemployed people in the Akron area.

South Street Ministries was founded in 1997 by Pastor Duane and Lisa Crabbs. They moved to Summit Lake in order to invest in the Akron community and minister to its residents. The organization offers numerous youth

programs and hosts several recovery meetings for people seeking sobriety. The Front Porch Café is only one of their many programs designed to connect and serve people in the Akron area.

The Front Porch Café provides employment and training to ex-offenders in order to help them provide for themselves and get back on their feet, while acquiring the basic skills necessary to join the workforce.

The café serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner and is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am-3:00 pm. They are located at 798 Grant Street in South Akron. And the food is great!



WHY I'M A PROSECUTOR CHELSEA BOLLIN

Over the past year, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office has provided insight into how we approach our jobs by producing videos highlighting our assistant prosecutors. "Why I'm A Prosecutor" gives our prosecutors the chance to tell their own story and why being a prosecutor is so important to them.

Assistant Prosecutor Chelsea Bollin, who supervises our Child Protection Unit, tells us why being a prosecutor is so important to her.



• WHY DID YOU BECOME A PROSECUTOR?

When I was in law school all of the internships I had were at different prosecutor's offices around the state. I loved everything about it. The first internship I ever had was at a city prosecutor's office in Cincinnati and I loved it.

• WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF BEING A PROSECUTOR?

The best thing about being a prosecutor in the Child Protection Unit is we see a lot of good things which come out of bad beginnings. We work with children who are being abused or who are not being well taken care of. But we also see them reunited with their families or we see them find permanent, safe places to stay.

• WHAT'S THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF BEING A PROSECUTOR?

We see so many children being abused which can be really difficult. But that motivates us to do the best on all our cases so the children can be safe going forward.

You can watch Chelsea's complete video on our website, Facebook and YouTube page.

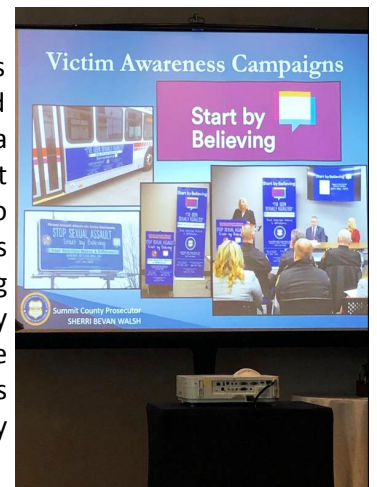
INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS—NDAA CONFERENCE

Prosecutor Walsh is an innovator when it comes to providing safety information and support for victims. Now, prosecutors across the country have added insight into the wonderful programs available for Summit County Residents.

Prosecutor Walsh was invited to speak at the National District Attorneys Association's recent Summer Summit in Quebec. The annual conference brings in hundreds of prosecutors from several different countries.

The conference provides an opportunity to share information to help prosecute criminals, prevent crime, and assist victims.

Prosecutor Walsh's presentation included information about a number of different programs available to Summit County residents including our facility dog Avery, our Start By Believing initiative, Arrive Alive, safety presentations for seniors, and our Safety Kids Calendar contest.



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