



FROM THE OFFICE OF  
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR  
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**A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH**  
**FALL SEASON SAFETY**

Summer is slowly winding down. That means cooler days and the crisp Autumn air flowing through open windows! Unfortunately other things can make it through open windows—which could put you and your family in danger.

Whenever I get the chance, I speak with people about ways to stay safe. October is National Crime Prevention Month and a perfect time to remind people about simple common-sense things they can do to be safe.

I spend a lot of time talking about safety. Many articles in this newsletter have focused on safety tips. I feel you can never talk enough about ways to be safe. We depend on local law enforcement to help keep us safe, but there are things you can do to lower your chances of being targeted by a criminal.

You might think that it won't happen to you. I hope it doesn't. It does happen. Recently a 53-year-old Twinsburg resident fell victim to a scam and lost nearly \$20,000. You need to be ready for anything.

The fall season means leaves will soon be falling from the trees. As the leaves fall, you might have a better view of tree limbs which could pose a danger.

That means calling a tree-trimming service. But beware. There are people out there who will take your money but not do the work. We've recently prosecuted a couple of business owners who have done just that!

Take the following steps to protect yourself and your family.

- Research a home improvement contractor before signing any contract. Obtain the name, address, and phone number of any contractor agreeing to do work for you. Ask for identification from the company's representative. Request and contact references. Check for consumer complaints with the Attorney General and the Better Business Bureau before allowing a contractor to begin the work.
- Do not pay a large amount upfront. Usually, a 10% deposit should suffice to retain a business.
- Get written estimates from at least three different contractors.
- You typically have three business days to cancel door-to-door sales. A business must notify you of this right and cannot begin services until after the three-day period has ended.

Once the leaves fall, someone has to pick them up! if you spend time in your yard, make sure your house and garage door are closed and locked.

Criminals will many times try to distract a homeowner to gain entry to their house. If someone

approaches you out of the blue claiming to be with a local utility, call that utility directly.

Recently Tallmadge Police reported two people approached an elderly homeowner saying they were with the water company. As one distracted the homeowner, the other made his way upstairs. Thankfully an alert neighbor saw what happened and called police. The two intruders ran off.

Finally, don't forget to keep an eye open for kids. School is in full swing and Halloween is around the corner. Slow down when driving through neighborhoods.

Just remember to watch out for your neighbors—and stay safe!



*Sherri B. Walsh*



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# IN THE COMMUNITY

It's back to school season. As families work on those back to school supply lists, we have the one thing everyone needs to have on their list—SAFETY!



The Summit County Prosecutor's Office takes pride in providing information to other law enforcement offices throughout the county.

Unfortunately we have seen a number of threats made to schools by juveniles. That is why we decided to take action.



Representatives from local police departments and school districts attended a training presentation provided by our Juvenile Division on the best ways to handle and potentially charge someone involved in a school threat.

About 40 people learned about the juvenile court process, as well as how to handle cases following recent school shootings.

We plan on conducting another presentation next month.

We are honored to work with other county offices. Prosecutor's Office employees recently attended the Summit For Kids breakfast at the John S. Knight Center.

The event helped kick off the big annual Summit For Kids event which provides opportunities and services for local children and their families.



Another popular event gives us a great opportunity to meet new people and see familiar faces. The quarterly WAKR Senior Luncheon was held at St. George Fellowship Hall.

Over 200 people attended—including the winner of our giveaway!!

It was great seeing everyone and we hope to see you at the next luncheon in December!



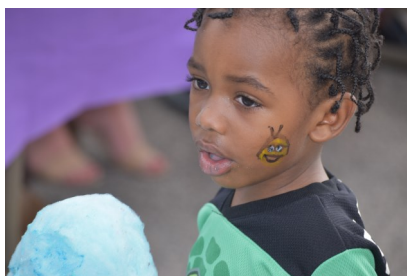
Over 50 people learned ways to stay safe with potentially life-saving techniques at our FREE Women's Self-Defense class at Barberton High School.

Those who came out learned how to break away if someone grabs your wrist, plus the trachea notch push off, and kicks to the groin!



Our next FREE Women's Self-Defense class is at Jennings CLC Akron. Also keep an eye on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages for updates!

Safety is a priority for the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. That is why we are so passionate about the annual National Night Out event.



Office employees were at 20 National Night Out locations throughout the county and provided information to help keep people safe.



Hundreds of people stopped by our booths throughout Akron and Summit County.

We loved meeting new people and providing them information on how to stay safe and lower their chances of becoming a victim.



# AVERY'S CORNER

# KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

I got to spend time with some very special humans. This is a picture of me sitting with someone who had some really bad things happen to her. I helped her before she had to go to court to talk to a judge.



I also sat with two other people. They showed tremendous strength in facing the person who did bad things to them.

Lots of my human friends are sad that summer is coming to an end. I will miss the long days hanging out with my friends.



But I have lots of great memories including this one of me with some of my favorite humans at a recent Akron Rubber Ducks game.

There were plenty of my furry, four-legged friends there too. I was really hoping someone would've bought me a hot dog!

Thank you to everyone who wished me a happy birthday. I turned seven this year.



The cake and party were great. I can't wait to see what the next year brings.

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## GUILTY VERDICTS



### August 2018

Congratulations to the following assistant prosecutors for obtaining convictions at trial.

**Teri Burnside**                      **Joe McAleese**

**Joe Dangelo**                        **Zach Neumann**

**Elisabeth Jackson**               **Jeff Puthoff**

**Tom Kroll**                            **Ryan Stickel**

**Matt Kuhn**

## GREAT JOB PROSECUTORS!



## TOUGH PROSECUTIONS

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

**Malik Baldwin, 27**

**Jason Reeves, 22**

- Manslaughter
- **20 YEARS IN PRISON**
- Murder
- Aggravated Robbery
- **LIFE IN PRISON**



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# TOP COP

## AKRON POLICE DETECTIVE RONALD GAREY

### NOMINATED BY ASST. PROSECUTOR MATT KUHN

On a frigid February morning, two men began arguing with each other at an Akron home. One pulled out a gun and shot the other. But what exactly happened? Finding the answer was the job of Akron Police Detective Ronald Garey.



I have nominated Det. Garey for his outstanding work on this case. My experience with Det. Garey was great. Many times crime scenes are chaotic. In this case, once officers secured the scene, Det. Garey quickly viewed the crime scene, interviewed witnesses, and collected evidence crucial to the case. His understanding of what happened was key to getting a conviction.

This specific case had some unique details. Once shot, the victim sped away to drive himself to the hospital. As he drove off, he struck the suspect's car. When officers arrived, they found shattered vehicle glass everywhere. Det. Garey's extensive training in crash scene reconstruction helped describe how the window of the victim's vehicle was shot out and not just shattered as a

result of the driver striking the suspect's vehicle. This testimony and the discovery of the vehicle's shattered glass was vital in helping the court understand what happened.

Prior to trial, Det. Garey met with me and Assistant Prosecutor Tom Kroll on multiple occasions. I believe his testimony was a key component of our case and a big part of the guilty verdict.

A Summit County judge found Enrique Green guilty of two counts of felonious assault with a gun. Green was sentenced to five years in prison.

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

## Congratulations Det. Garey!!!

# SENIOR SAFETY FAIR & SELF-DEFENSE

Each year, Prosecutor Walsh declares September as Senior Safety Awareness Month.

This year is no different, with the Prosecutor's Office involved in two major events geared to help you stay safe.

First, we are involved with a Senior Safety Fair at the Hudson Library on Liberty Street. The event is on Tuesday September 25th from 11a-1p. These are very informative and bring together local law enforcement, the Sheriff's Office, and our office. We provide vital information to help keep seniors safe and avoid scams.

To RSVP—call the number to the right—330.701.7667.

You also get a free lunch!

Free food and safety information—it doesn't get much better!

**SENIOR SAFETY FAIR**

September 25, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Hudson Library & Historical Society  
96 Liberty St., Hudson

**Free lunch • Giveaways • Door prizes**  
RSVP to Lucy Bibbee  
**(330) 701-7667**

Crime Safety Awareness Presentation  
Senior Self Defense Class  
Senior Service Provider Booths  
Presented by Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh &  
Summit County Sheriff Steve Barry

We are also holding our FREE Women's Self-Defense class at Jennings Community Learning Center on Wednesday September 26th from 6:30p-8:30p.

We've been holding these classes about once a month for the past 15 years with thousands of people attending. Everyone is welcome even if you've been to one of our self-defense classes before. It's always good to get a refresher.

We show you easy to learn techniques to help lower your chance of becoming a victim—from breaking away if someone grabs your wrist to the best way to knee an attacker.

No RSVP is required—just show up!

**FREE WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS**

Sponsored by  
**Sherri Bevan Walsh**  
Summit County Prosecutor  
AND  
**Chad Cunningham**  
Certified Instructor  
No registration required!

Learn simple techniques that could save your life!

- Verbal techniques
- Free yourself from a chokehold
- Learn the wrist breakaway
- Escape if pinned to the ground
- Practice kicks and slaps

Wednesday, September 26th, 2018  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Jennings CLC  
Gymnasium  
227 E. Tallmadge Ave.  
Akron, OH 44323

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# WHY I'M A PROSECUTOR

## SAMANTHA LISY

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office has a new campaign to help inform the public about what it's like to be a prosecutor. Each month, an assistant prosecutor in our criminal division explains why they chose to be a prosecutor.

This month Samantha Lisy, assistant prosecutor in our Child Support Enforcement Agency, discusses the reasons why she is a prosecutor.



### • WHY DID YOU BECOME A PROSECUTOR?

I decided to become a prosecutor because I wanted to be involved in my community. I wanted to make a difference and help others. I originally majored in early childhood education before I went to law school. I knew I wanted to help, I just didn't know where I was going to fit in that equation. I enjoyed teaching but I enjoy the challenges of the law. That's what solidified my decision to attend law school. Ultimately I wanted to help people and I wanted to make a difference in people's lives on a daily basis.

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

The best thing about being a prosecutor, especially in the Child Support Enforcement Agency, is being able to see when you make an impact. When we implement our enforcement techniques, it's gratifying to know that people are getting the support they're entitled to. It's really great to see that process work and children and families get desperately needed support.

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

The most difficult part of being a prosecutor is not being able to get the result someone wants. I can't always make people do things they don't want to do and that can be very frustrating. It's not a perfect system and doesn't always work the way we want it to which can be a challenge.

Sam's full "Why I'm a Prosecutor" video is on our website, Facebook and YouTube page.

## CHILD SUPPORT SOLUTIONS—SUCCESS!!!

August was an exciting time for our Child Support Enforcement Agency. We did something we had never done before. Our annual Child Support Solutions event was held at our offices in the Ohio Building for the first time ever! And it was a huge success!!

During the four days of the event, we assisted over 300 people who had not paid child support in at least three months. The 300 people not only paid nearly \$8,000 in past due support, but some were able to request either a reduction or modification of their support payments. Close to 30 people who attended the event were able to apply for jobs!

We even hosted a Facebook live discussion. John Ventura and Shelly Woodruff updated people on the programs we provide and helped people overcome their fear of coming to our office. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a success!



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