



FROM THE OFFICE OF
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH FIGHTING FOR FAMILIES

From the first day I took office, I have been fighting for local families. My office works hard to keep Summit County safe and assist those in need. That includes families who receive little or no support from people who think they can just ignore their obligation to provide child support. Many of these families are left to struggle with the economic burden of being the sole provider for their children.

That is why I strengthened the office's Child Support Enforcement Agency. We are dedicated to holding people accountable when it comes to paying child support. Those who owe more than \$5,000 dollars in child support, or who have not made a payment in over six months, could be charged with a felony offense. They could also have their driver's license suspended.

Filing criminal charges is a last resort. Our hope is that people will step up and fulfill their obligation as a parent. We may not always be successful and understand that this is just one solution to the problem.



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SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY
CHILD SUPPORT?
Summit County Prosecutor
Sherri Bevan Walsh
Presents
Child Support Solutions


We Will Help You:


- Determine if you qualify for a change in payment amount
- Get your driver's license back
- Make payment arrangements
- See if you qualify for a waiver or settlement of past due support owed to the state
- Learn about employment assistance
- Get free genetic paternity testing
- Learn about Fatherhood Initiatives


*Be prepared to make a good faith payment on site. Payments accepted on site: cash, check, credit, debit
**We will not handle warrants at this event. If you have a warrant call our office 330-643-2765

Saturday, August 5th
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
City of Joy Life Enrichment Center
610 W. Exchange St.
Akron, OH 44302

Bring Your:	• Photo ID	• Most recent pay stub
	• Existing court orders	• Proof of employment/unemployment


Summit County
Fatherhood Initiative


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Veterans Affairs

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However, I know coming to downtown Akron to rectify the situation can be difficult, and in some cases, very intimidating. August is Child Support Awareness Month, a perfect time for non-custodial parents to make things right. And there is a perfect event dedicated to making the process easier for those who owe child support.

Child Support Solutions Day began ten years ago, and is a one-stop one-day event which provides an opportunity for non-custodial parents in a pressure free environment. Non-custodial parents can set up a payment plan, get their driver's

license reinstated, and learn about employment assistance. The ultimate goal is to get parents to support their children.

This year, we've changed things a bit to make it even less stressful for people. The location has been moved to the City of Joy Life Enrichment Center on West Exchange in Akron and is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th from 9am to 5pm. Case managers will be available to discuss payment arrangements and support modification. You can learn more about the event and my Child Support Enforcement Agency by heading to <https://co.summitoh.net/prosecutor>.

I feel the event is key in helping families get desperately needed money by clearing up any legal issues in a relaxed environment.

My Child Support Enforcement Agency handles nearly 50,000 support cases. Since its inception in 2001, the Criminal Non-Support program has collected \$40 million dollars for families in need.

As always, stay safe!

Sherri B. Walsh

IN THE COMMUNITY

Summer is here, but the Summit County Prosecutor's Office is not taking a break from helping the community stay safe.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Margaret Scott and Summit County Sheriff's Deputy **Paul Wright** led our most recent class at the Gus Johnson



Community Center and Akron's United Baptist Church. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it a successful event. Stay tuned for information about our next FREE

Women's Self-Defense class.

Margaret Scott also took to the airwaves to spread the word about safety.



Margaret sat down with Valerie Wolford, Communications Manager for the City of Green, for a new series "Senior Living in Green".

Margaret was the program's first guest and spoke about how seniors can stay safe and avoid the latest scams.

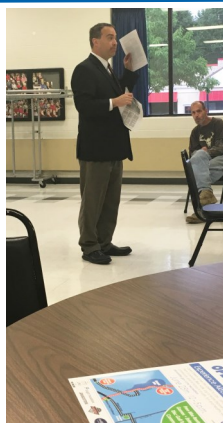
You can watch the video by heading to the city's Facebook page. It is also being shown on Green's Community Access Channel as well as the city website www.cityofgreen.org

We also like meeting people face to face to provide tips on staying safe.

John Galonski, head of our Civil Division, spoke with seniors at the Kenmore Community Center.

John was invited by Akron Ward 9 Councilman Mike Freeman.

John spoke to about 50 people at the meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended.



The Summit County Prosecutor's Office was also honored to take part in and sponsor the Community Health Center's annual Break the Cycle luncheon. The luncheon focused on those affected by addiction and mental illness and raised money to help the Center provide services for those battling addiction.



Prosecutor Walsh proudly took part in the 3rd Annual Hattie Larlham Friendship Luncheon. The event paid tribute to the outstanding volunteers and employees at Hattie Larlham and the wonderful work they do. And thanks to WKYC anchor Sara Shookman for hosting the event.



Our desire to keep the residents of Summit County safe also means speaking with children about ways to make sure they do not become a victim.

Members of the Prosecutor's Office discussed a variety of topics with young girls who are part of Akron's "Empowerment! Girls Summer Program" at the Portage Path Community Learning Center.



Among the topics were staying safe online, how to be more aware of your surroundings, human trafficking, what you should do if someone bullies you, and even some self-defense moves.

If you would like someone from the Prosecutor's Office to speak to your group, contact Jennifer Watson at 330.643.2800 or watson@prosecutor.summitoh.net



AVERY'S CORNER

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

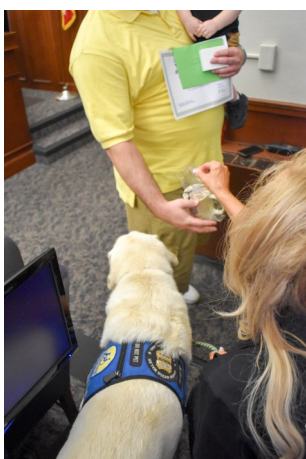
I just love the summer. June and July are my favorite months, where I can just lay out and enjoy the warm weather and sunshine.

And I get to see old friends. This is Chewy and me at the Pet Expo at Hardesty Park. It's the 16th year WAKR has put on the event. It was really nice meeting so many new friends.



But summertime still means work! I love what I do and get to help so many people.

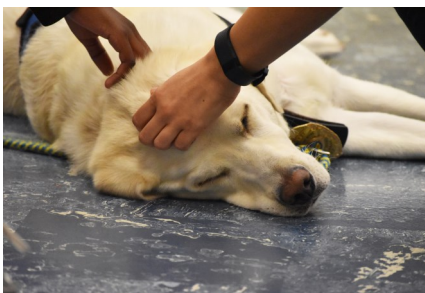
This is me helping give a gift to a graduate of the court's drug program. I am so proud of them and how hard they fight to stay sober.



He says his son is his inspiration for staying out of trouble.

I also get to meet a lot of new people and help them stay safe.

That's me enjoying getting my head scratched at a local camp for girls.



The girls learned ways to stay safe during the summer and I got a lot of attention! Not a bad day :)

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GUILTY VERDICTS



June 2017

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

Jay Cole

Brian Stano (3)

Elliot Kolkovich (2) Angela Poth-Ty Graham

Wypasek

Jeff Puthoff

GREAT JOB PROSECUTORS!

TOUGH PROSECUTIONS

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

Dashawn Tomlin, 26

- Murder
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

Jamarian Williams, 26

- Attempted Murder
- Felonious Assault
- Domestic Violence
- Tampering with Evidence
- **22 Years In PRISON**

Adam Shaffer, 35

- Rape (Victim Under 10)
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

Wayne Jones, 56

- Rape (Victim Under 13)
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

George Prifti, 69

- Felonious Assault
- Domestic Violence
- **10 Years In PRISON**

Robert Rodgers, 25

- Involuntary Manslaughter
- Felonious Assault
- **12 Years In PRISON**



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TOP COP

CUYAHOGA FALLS DET. DAN QUIOR NOMINATED BY ASST. PROSECUTOR NIK BUCKMEIER

The Summit County Prosecutor’s Office has to navigate through a number of different obstacles when prosecuting a case. From uncooperative witnesses to conflicting eyewitness reports, there are several factors which can complicate matters.

Det. Quior was tenacious in tracking down the person who sold Snyder the deadly drugs. Clues at the crime scene, including cell phone records, led investigators to Robert Rodgers.

Recently, our office handled an unusual case involving a person charged in separate crimes in separate cities in separate years! Thanks to the work of Cuyahoga Falls Detective Dan Quior, we were able to secure a conviction.



Det. Quior was able to get Rodgers to admit that he sold Snyder the drugs the morning of Snyder’s death.

Robert Rodgers is now serving a 12 year prison sentence because of the work of Det. Quior. That’s why I have nominated him as our July TOP COP.

While Rodgers was being investigated for the deadly overdose, he was charged with firing a gun inside an Akron area barbershop following an argument. Rodgers pled guilty to a series of charges, including involuntary manslaughter and felonious assault.

In August of 2015, Kevin Snyder was found dead at a Cuyahoga Falls home. Investigators determined Snyder overdosed on fentanyl. For the past few years, these cases have been more and more common in communities throughout Summit County, but they are no easier to solve.

As the July TOP COP, Det. Quior receives a \$25 gift card to Chipotle. Thank you Chipotle for your continued support of law enforcement.

Congratulations Det. Quior!

AUTISM WALK & TAKE ME HOME

Did you know one in 68 children born in the United States each day is diagnosed with Autism? More than 3.5 million Americans live with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.



In June, members of the Prosecutor’s Office took part in the Autism Society’s annual 5k run and walk. This year, the law firm of Bevan & Associates was the event’s presenting sponsor, and received a wonderful piece of art commemorating their commitment to the Autism Society.

The numbers can be overwhelming, as can living with someone who has Autism. The Autism Society of Greater Akron does a fantastic job by providing services and assistance to families and individuals who live with autism on a daily basis. For 25 years, the Autism Society of Greater Akron has worked hard to support the community and make people more aware.

The Summit County Prosecutor’s Office also maintains a secure law enforcement database, called Take Me Home, which reconnects caregivers with children and adults who may wander and have a difficult time communicating. The Take Me Home Program is for people with autism, as well as those who have dementia and Alzheimer’s and provides additional security for their families.



Prosecutor Walsh has been a strong advocate of the Autism Society, raising a now 19-year-old son with autism. Her family is heavily involved in raising awareness, and money for the organization.

For more information head to our website—<https://.co.summitoh.net/prosecutor>.

Employee Spotlight

Rick Raley

Assistant Prosecutor - Criminal Division

Hire Date: June 5, 2017

Title: Assistant Prosecutor, Criminal Division

Hometown: Leonardtown, Maryland (population 2,000 people/5,000 cows)

Education: I received my Bachelor of Arts in Theology & Political Science from the University of Notre Dame and my Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve University

Hobbies/Interests: Baseball and football fan. I have attended every one of the University of Notre Dame's appearances in the Bowl Championship Series football games. However, they lost each game by double digits! I also follow the Baltimore Orioles and Washington Redskins

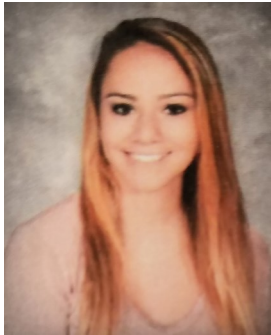
Fun Fact: I would love to visit each MLB stadium. I've been to 15 so far (and 12 minor league baseball ballparks). My favorite memory was being at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in 1995 when Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record for consecutive games played. It proves Marylanders are tougher than Yankees!



AGENCY SPOTLIGHT:

RACHEL'S ANGELS

The battle over heroin and opioid addiction has touched just about every corner of Summit County. Families and friends grieve over lost loved ones while law enforcement and local leaders struggle with ways to combat addiction.



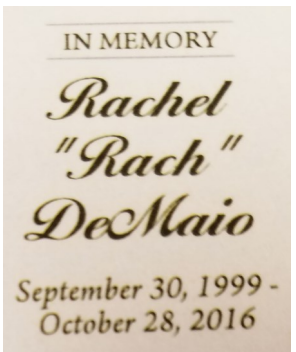
The situation is so bad that the Summit County Medical Examiner has brought in an exterior freezer to hold an overflow of bodies due to the opioid crisis.

That has pushed one local woman to take action. In October of 2016, 17-year-old Rachel DeMaio died after ingesting a deadly dose of drugs. Now her mother Cindy is hoping Rachel's story inspires others and helps keep them off drugs.

Cindy started "Rachel's Angels", a close group of Rachel's friends, who speak to other teens about the dangers of drugs. The group also puts together craft baskets for people to put together messages of hope and help educate others.

The baskets contain inspirational messages and a poem Rachel wrote which help start conversations about drug prevention and what the community can do to inform others.

For more information about Rachel's Angels or to schedule a talk in your community, you can go to www.rachelsangels.org.



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