



FROM THE OFFICE OF
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

**A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH
ASSISTING SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

How many women do you know? Five? Ten?

Did you know one out of six women have survived an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime?

The numbers are absolutely staggering. One in five women and one in 71 men will be a victim of rape at some point in their lives. Every 98 seconds, someone in this country is sexually assaulted. Every single day, more than 1800 people experience sexual violence in this country. The significant majority of sexual violence involves people the victim knows.

Rape and sexual assault are the most under-reported crimes, with 80-percent not reported.

That means rapists remain free while their victims struggle with what happened. We can do something to change that.

My office works hard to provide

**Second Annual Conference
Responding to the Needs of Victims:**

Featuring: Internationally recognized expert Russell W. Strand and nationally recognized expert Lori D. Heitman

continuing education to those who interact with victims of crime. On Friday, September 22, 2017, we held our 2nd annual "Responding to the Needs of Victims" conference. The conference brought in nearly 270 people who assist victims of crime, including law enforcement, victim advocates, social workers, doctors, nurses, psychologists, and attorneys.

Experts Russell W. Strand and Lori D. Heitman brought their unique training to Akron to help us understand the impact trauma has on the

brain and how that affects the memory of a survivor of sexual violence. Strand and Heitman developed the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview, also known as FETI. FETI helps those who work with crime victims better understand the impact of trauma. Using trauma informed techniques helps victims to recall important memories. This leads to holding offenders accountable.



We thank all those who attended and participated in the event. We know this conference will help them to better assist survivors of sexual violence.

If you or a loved one are a survivor of sexual violence, there is help available. The Rape Crisis Center of Medina and Summit Counties has a 24-hour hotline – 877.906.7273.

Stay safe.

Sherri B. Walsh



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IN THE COMMUNITY

September brought a flurry of activities for the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. Throughout the county, we were celebrating our residents and bringing a message of safety.



We held two FREE Women's Self-Defense classes, one at the University of Akron and the other at Copley High School. **Prosecutor Walsh, Chief Assistant Prosecutor Margaret Scott and Summit County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Wright** led the classes.



Close to 100 people learned safety information and basic moves to protect themselves in the community. Both events were part of the office's overall mission to

help keep the community safe and empower people to take control.

The Prosecutor's Office's mission is to keep the community safe. We held several safety speeches throughout the county.

Prosecutor Walsh spoke to members of the Highland Square Seniors.



Those in attendance learned about the latest scams and how not to become a victim.

Remember to ask a store manager for help and try not to go to the store alone.



September also brought a favorite event of our office—the annual Senior Safari at the Akron Zoo.

Prosecutor Walsh and Chief Assistant Prosecutor Scott

handed out safety information as well as our brand new 2018 Senior Safety Calendars to those who stopped by our table.



The Senior Safari falls on the first Friday of September, which Prosecutor Walsh declares as Senior Safety Awareness Month.

Prosecutor Walsh spread the message of safety to the ladies of the Akron chapter of the Philanthropic Education Organization.

The group celebrates the advancement of women, educates women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and motivates its members to achieve their highest aspirations.



Several members of the Prosecutor's Office provided safety information for close to 200 seniors at two separate events— at the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium and the Norton Community Center.

Did you know one of the best tools to prevent becoming a victim of a scam is an answering machine? If the phone rings and you do not recognize the number, let the answering machine pick it up. Then you can hear the caller and answer the phone if it is important.





AVERY'S CORNER

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

It's October! As I'm trying to decide what costume to wear for Halloween, I thought I'd show you some of my fun adventures from September.



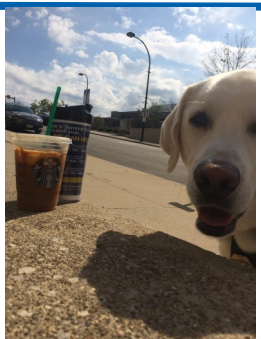
I spent time at one of my favorite places, Akron's Haven of Rest. I met a young human (the bigger humans said he was a young boy) who was a lot of fun. We played games and he asked me how many fingers he was holding up. I said three. I hope I was right.

I'm also celebrating an anniversary. That's me when I first came to Ohio in 2011.



I got to meet a lot of great people especially my puppy raisers and the people who trained me. Then they gave me to my human Melanie. I really like helping people.

I also spent time at a place many of my human friends love—Starbucks! They said it was National Coffee Day and I went with them. I couldn't have any but it sure looked good! Humans can be funny!



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TOUGH PROSECUTIONS

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

Cedric Murphy, 60

- Kidnapping
- Abduction
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

Donqus McSwain, 23

- Voluntary Manslaughter
- **12 Years IN PRISON**

Roland Pyle, 52

- Rape
- Gross Sexual Imposition
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

Theo King, 30

- Voluntary Manslaughter
- **12 YEARS IN PRISON**

PROSECUTOR WALSH HONORED

Congratulations to Prosecutor Walsh who was honored by the Jewish Family Services of Akron for her dedication to protecting older adults.



Jewish Family Services of Akron also honored Prosecutor Walsh as the first ever recipient of the Harvey Sterns Award for Distinguished Service to Seniors.

Prosecutor Walsh was joined by her family, members of the Prosecutor's Office, and dear friend and mentor Gary Rosen.



Help Us Go Green!

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



CONSUMER ALERT

PHONE SCAM WARNING

Scammers will do anything to get your money. The Summit County Prosecutor's Office sends out alerts about the latest scams as well as older scams which pop up from time to time.

Just recently we were informed of another scam hitting Summit County. Criminals are now posing as health department staff asking for personal information. The callers use spoofing technology to make it appear they are calling from a credible number, including the Ohio Department of Health and at least one Ohio local health department.

The callers may have limited personal information, like your name, date of birth, address, or even the name of your doctor. However, the information the caller is requesting is not something a health department would ever ask for over the phone.

A simple question could protect you. Ask yourself why the health department is calling. The answer is most likely that it's a scam!



There are other ways you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of a phone scam.

- If someone calls saying they represent a government agency and are requesting personal information, hang up. Then find a phone number to that agency and call to verify the request.
- Never give out personal information, like account numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords, or other identifying information over the phone.
- If you are being pressured to give information immediately, hang up.
- You can block numbers but know that scammers use technology to call from different numbers.
- If you receive repeated calls or are scammed, call the police to report it. Investigators can then alert others. You can also register a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.FTC.gov/complaint.

FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Get ready to stay safe! Our next FREE Women's Self-Defense class is almost here.

Join us at Green High School's Auxiliary Gym on Boettler Road on Tuesday, October 17, from 6pm to 8pm for potentially life-saving techniques.

We offer some common sense tips to help people become more aware and pay attention to their surroundings, plus simple self-defense techniques.

Hope to see you there!



FREE WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS
Sponsored by
MARGARET SCOTT
Chief Assistant Prosecutor
AND
SHERIFF STEVE BARRY
No registration required!



Tuesday, October 17, 2017
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Green High School
Auxiliary gym
1474 Boettler Rd
Uniontown, OH 44685



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

For more information, contact:
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HALLOWEEN SAFETY

It's October and that means ghouls and goblins will soon run around.

Halloween is right around the corner and we want to make sure families are safe when they hit the streets.

Remember these simple tips if you or your kids are on the hunt for some tasty sweets—or if you are handing out candy.

- Go with friends only in well-lit areas.
- Teach your children to never go into a home for candy.
- Use reflective tape on your child's costume so drivers can see them.
- Have children carry a glow stick or flashlight.
- Keep lighted candles away from costumes.
- Carefully check all candy your child receives!



Employee Spotlight Kevin Daley

Asst. Prosecutor—Child Support Enforcement Agency

Hire Date: May 2017

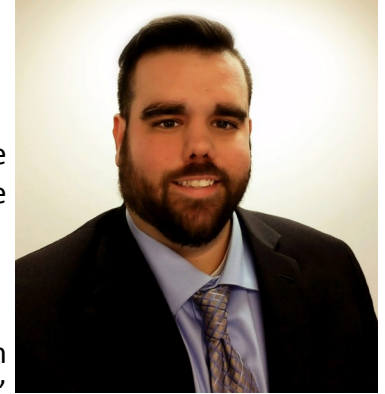
Title: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney—Child Support Enforcement Agency

Hometown: Youngstown

Education: I attended Ursuline High School and received my undergraduate degree from Kent State University in 2011. I received my juris doctor from the University of Akron in 2016.

Hobbies/Interests: I'm a big sports fan, following golf and baseball.

Fun Fact: I have also met current Youngstown State University President Jim Tressel a few times. The last time I saw him he said "nice to see you again," which implies he remembered me. So basically I'm friends with Jim Tressel.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know one in three women and one in four men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime?

Also, one in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, with 90% eyewitnesses to the violence.

Now is the time to take action.

October is Domestic Violence

Awareness Month. The monthly awareness campaign began 30 years ago, but many victims still live in fear and silence. Summit County offers many resources to help victims.

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office Domestic Violence Unit was created in 2004 and is comprised of highly trained prosecutors dedicated to assisting domestic violence victims. Our office handles approximately 300 intimate partner felony domestic violence cases each year.



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domestic violence
awareness month

Also, Summit County is the only county in the state with a courtroom dedicated to handling felony domestic violence cases. Offenders go through a thorough screening process to determine if they are eligible for the intensive 52-week program. The overall goal is to prevent any future acts of violence.

Prevention begins with education. My office provides community education to highlight the importance of prosecuting domestic violence related crimes.

The Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties is a great resource. The agency's 24-hour crisis hotline is 888.395.HELP (4357) for Summit County and 877.414.1344 for Medina County.

The agency also offers advice and resources on its Twitter and Facebook accounts. Follow them at www.facebook.com/scmcbws or @SummitMedinaBWS.

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