



FROM THE OFFICE OF
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
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A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH

HELPING SUMMIT COUNTY FAMILIES

Money and time - two things we never seem to have enough of. Many local families struggle just to make ends meet, with single parents working long hours to provide basic necessities for their children. Thousands of non-custodial parents do their part as well, offering assistance as much as possible. But there are those who try to avoid paying child support. They ignore court orders, avoid calls from my Child Support Enforcement Agency, and some even run off to another state to avoid paying.

That is why I am passionate about making sure families have what they need to get by. One of my biggest missions since becoming Summit County Prosecutor 15 years ago is to fight to get much needed child support for local families. My office is very aggressive in tracking down parents who owe child support. We 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 as well as file felony charges against them.

My Child Support Enforcement Agency collects nearly \$84 million dollars each year, with close to 50,000 cases. And we have helped collect close to \$40 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 should never stop trying.

We've also made it easier for you to check on your case. Our app, available in Google Play or iTunes, is easy to use and can help streamline the process for families. Parents seeking child support can quickly find phone numbers, access forms, and get

the agency's address and office hours. Plus you can find out the different ways to make child support payments.

That is why this month is so important. August is Child Support Awareness Month. There are events scheduled throughout the month to bring attention to the needs of children in our community. As summer winds down and kids prepare to return to school, single parents are struggling to balance their budget and figure out how to buy needed back to school supplies. And on August 12, we have our annual Child Support Solutions Day. The one day event began in 2007 as a way to help people who owe child support so our children get the support they deserve.

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

Stay safe,

Sherri B. Walsh



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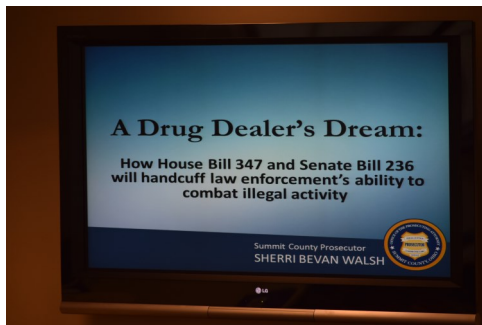
IN THE COMMUNITY

The Summit County Prosecutor’s Office continues to fight for you. The Office is always looking for ways to keep the community safe.

One of those ways is to use funds taken from criminals to help inform and educate our residents. But right now Ohio lawmakers are debating a bill which would make it more difficult for law



enforcement to seize money from known criminals, including drug dealers who terrorize our neighborhoods.



Last month, we invited **Ohio State Senator Frank LaRose** as well as police chiefs and law enforcement officers from throughout

Summit County to sit down and discuss the current proposal and its impact on law enforcement and our community.

A big thank you to the Hudson chapter of the **Philanthropic Educational Organization** for inviting Prosecutor Walsh to its monthly meeting.



Over 30 people listened as Prosecutor Walsh gave safety advice to the group and offered tips on how not to be a victim.

The P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, and loans, and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

August is Child Support Awareness Month. And the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office works hard to help families in need of support.


Our annual Child Support Solutions Day is on Friday August 12. Solutions Day is a one-stop shop for people who need help with child support payments. Case managers will be available to discuss payment arrangements and 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 reinstate their license.

Those with outstanding child support-related warrants can get rid of their warrants without going to jail. Additionally, representatives from a multitude of federal, state and local agencies will be on hand to discuss the available resources to help attendees finish their education, get a new job and become a better parent.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT?

Summit County Prosecutor
Sherri Bevan Walsh
presents
Child Support Solutions
a one-day event to help you take financial responsibility




We Will Help You:

- Get your driver’s license back
- Make payment arrangements
- Get rid of child support warrants
- See if you qualify for waiver or settlement of past due support owed to the state
- Learn about employment assistance
- Get free genetic paternity testing
- Learn about Fatherhood Initiatives
- Resumé writing
- Relationship counseling
- Financial literacy
- Computer training

Friday, August 12
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
at The Ohio Means Jobs Center
1040 E. Tallmadge Avenue

Bring Your:

- Photo ID
- Existing court orders
- Most recent pay stub
- Proof of employment/unemployment



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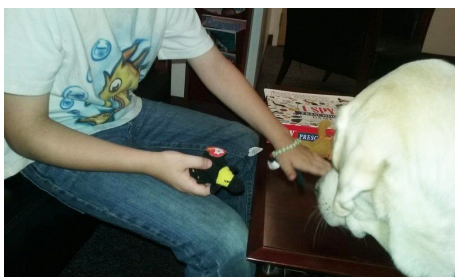
KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

I love the summer time. I get to run outside a lot and meet lots of new people.

And that was the case in July. I got to spend lots of time with some really nice people. Recently I got to hang out with members of the Stow AARP. They were such a fun group—although I did have a difficult time sitting on the slippery tile floor!



I also was able to spend some time with a very special boy named Edward. Edward witnessed a very bad thing and came by the office to talk about it.



I was able to sit with Edward and made sure he was ok.

And I was even able to take time to play (everyone needs a break now and again).

My good friend Trotwood came by the office. We had a lot of fun. Trotwood helps Domestic Relations Chief Magistrate Ron Cable with his cases.



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GUILTY VERDICTS

July 2016

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office had a **100%** conviction rate for July. Congratulations to the following assistant prosecutors for obtaining convictions at trial. GREAT JOB PROSECUTORS!

Nick Buzzy

Pete Daly

Brian LoPrinzi

Angela Poth-

Wypasek

Dan Sallerson



TOUGH PROSECUTIONS

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

Kevin Ecker, 30

- Involuntary Manslaughter
- Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs
- Aggravated Possession of Drugs
- **21 YEARS IN PRISON**

Michael Huguley, 36

- Murder
- Felonious Assault
- Domestic Violence
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

Terry Hale, 54

- Manufacturing Methamphetamines
- Aggravated Possession of Drugs
- **9 YEARS MANDATORY PRISON SENTENCE**



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WITNESS ROOM REHAB

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office continues to fight for the rights of victims. We also work very hard to ease the stress of coming to court.



Recently, we noticed the room where witnesses and

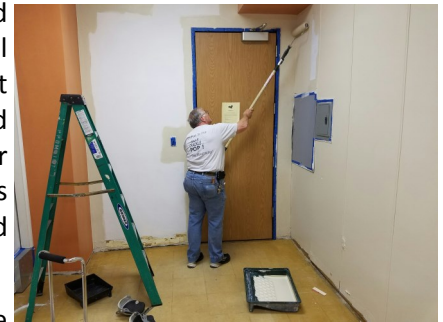
The hope is to make the room more relaxing and comfortable for people who have to come to court to testify during a hearing or trial. Sometimes families have to wait several hours until its their time to go to court. This room will give them a place to de-stress and put their thoughts at ease before walking into what could be a very emotional and stressful situation.

victims wait to testify was in need of some updating. So our office took action! Prosecutor Walsh was joined by Victim Advocates, Assistant Prosecutors and other members of the office, who rolled up their sleeves and went to work. We primed and painted the walls, had new carpeting installed and built new furniture for the space. Even our facility dog Avery picked up a brush!

Thank you to everyone for their help in updating the room, painting, building new shelving units, and making things better and brighter. And a special thank you to the court administrative staff and maintenance crew for all your work, as well as those who donated supplies for the project.



But we're not done! We hope to make additional improvements to the room throughout the year. We will make sure to keep everyone updated on the progress.



HELPING KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE

There is good news coming from Washington D.C. about helping people be safe, and could help a program already being used here in Summit County.

and is used to help reunite those people with their caregiver.

Recently, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved a new bill which would provide tracking devices and other resources to help kids with autism and developmental disabilities who are at risk of wandering.

The current proposal would make about two million dollars in grants available each year to law enforcement agencies. The money would be used to pay for tracking devices or other programs to help people with Autism, Alzheimer's,

Dementia, or other conditions which make them more likely to wander off.

This new proposal would expand an existing federal program which provides resources to people with Alzheimer's disease.



Take Me Home is a secure database containing the names, pictures and information of people who have a difficult time communicating and who are at risk of wandering. The database is only accessible by law enforcement

But the money may not be available for a while. The bill must still pass the U.S. House of Representatives and then be signed by the President in order for it to become law.

TOP COP

AKRON POLICE DETECTIVE CHARLES ARTIS

NOMINATED BY ASST. PROSECUTOR KASSIM AHMED

Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line each and every day. And some days, you don't realize how close the line between life and death is. I am nominating Akron Police Detective Charles Artis for his incredible restraint in a very difficult situation.

In April of 2016, Det. Artis was among several Akron Police officers who responded to shots fired at Georgie's Pub on Brittain Road. Among the dozens of people running from the pub, Det. Artis noticed a man who was running with a gun in his hand.

Det. Artis followed the man, and ordered him to stop. The suspect continued to run and ignored the detective's commands to drop to the ground. The tense situation eventually ended and the suspect complied and was taken into custody. It turned out that the man



who was arrested was the man who fired a shot inside the pub.

I commend Det. Artis for his bravery, as well as his commitment to keeping our community safe. Det. Artis showed tremendous restraint involving an armed, non-compliant suspect.

The suspect, 23-year-old Raysean Neal, pled guilty and was sentenced to one year in prison, the maximum sentence allowed.

As the August TOP COP, Detective Artis is the first recipient of a gift card from the Lockview restaurant. Thank you Lockview for your support of our office and local law enforcement.

Congratulations and well done Det. Artis!

COOKIES FOR COPS!

The past month has been a difficult time for law enforcement and communities around the country. Shootings of suspects along with the deadly ambush of police officers has many of us on edge.



The Summit County Prosecutor's Office wanted to thank our local law enforcement for the job they do.

Alyse Ziga, one of our victim advocates, was the force behind this project. Members of the office signed

cards, each one for 26 different police department and law enforcement agencies in Summit County.

Numerous members of the Prosecutor's Office baked some tasty treats for goody boxes to say thank you for putting your life on the line and keeping our community safe.

Even the K-9 units got a special treat from Avery!



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