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A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH
HOLIDAY SAFETY

This is a special time of year. It's a time when I look forward to making memories with my friends and family as well as remembering those who cannot be with us. It's also a

time for being thankful and for celebrating the joys in our life. Before we know it, the rush of the holidays will be upon us. So let's get ready!

Amid all the craziness which can seep into our lives, we sometimes forget about the health and safety of our family and ourselves. That is especially true when you hit the stores for holiday shopping. But before you start spending your hard earned money, here are some things to remember so you don't become a target. I spend a lot of time in the community speaking with people about the keys to staying safe, and here are the most important tips.

First, it may sound obvious, but please do not drink and drive. Also, keep your eyes on the road and off your phone! Distracted driving can be just as dangerous as driving under the influence.



Here are some more simple things to keep in mind to keep criminals away:

- Be aware of your surroundings. Know where you are and who or what is around you. Criminals do not want to be recognized, and if they see you are paying attention, they are less likely to target you. And again, take your eyes off your phone and watch where you are walking!
- Be nice, but maybe with a touch of skepticism. Many times, criminals work in pairs in an attempt to distract their victim. For instance, someone might come up to you to ask directions. That distraction allows their partner the opportunity to possibly steal your purse or wallet.
- If someone tries to grab your

purse, we suggest you try not fight back. It is possible that you could be knocked to the ground and suffer significant injuries. Credit cards can be replaced – you cannot.

And speaking of your health, every year there are days, weeks, and even months set aside to raise awareness for certain organizations or campaigns. Last month was Breast Cancer Awareness month. November is Lung Cancer Awareness month, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month, American Diabetes month (perfect after Halloween!), and the Great American Smokeout month.

Not only should you check your health, but if you do make a donation to any agency, check to make sure it is a reputable charity.

These are just some simple reminders to take care of yourself and stay safe this holiday season.

Stay safe,

Sherri B. Walsh



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IN THE COMMUNITY

The leaves may be falling from the trees, but the Summit County Prosecutor's Office remains steadfast in its mission of spreading safety throughout the county.



Prosecutor Walsh helped lead two separate FREE Women's Self-Defense classes. The first was at **Hudson Middle School**

where about 80 people came out to learn vital and potentially life-saving information.

Our push to help people be safe didn't end there. The very next night members of the Prosecutor's Office joined



Prosecutor Walsh at the **University of Akron's Recreation Center**. University of Akron Police Lieutenant **Chad Cunningham** lent his expertise to those who attended.

A special thank you to the **University of Akron's Beta Tau Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi** for helping organize the event.



Prosecutor Walsh also makes sure seniors are safe! She joined forces with the Summit County Sheriff's Department to provide safety information to seniors who came out to the **Macedonia Senior Safety Fair**.



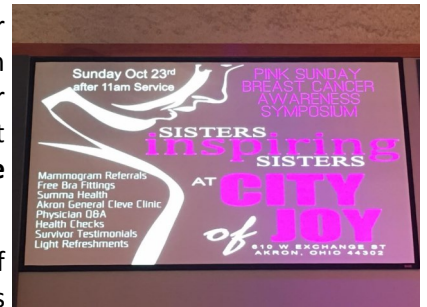
About 60 people attended the event held at **Macedonia's Senior Center at City Hall**.

Prosecutor Walsh was honored to be the keynote speaker at **Western Reserve Hospital's annual Breast Cancer Luncheon** at the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium.



About 200 people heard **Prosecutor Walsh's** story of surviving breast cancer and her urging all women to have annual mammograms and health check-ups.

As **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** wraps up, **Prosecutor Walsh** also spoke at **Akron's City of Joy Life Enrichment Center**.



The event was part of **Sisters Inspiring Sisters** event sponsored by **City of Joy**.

Thank you to **Pastor Mayceo Smith** and his wife **Patrice** for the invitation to speak to the congregation as well as all the inspirational work you do in the community.



Prosecutor Walsh also had the pleasure to speak on breast cancer at **Dominion Family Church** on West Thornton in Akron. Following the speech, **Prosecutor Walsh** answered questions about her experience fighting breast cancer.

Pictured are **Dominion Pastor Marc Neal** and **Juvenile Court Magistrate Tavia Galonski**.



Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you **Pastor Neal** for your support.

AVERY'S CORNER

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

I love the month of October. The weather has cooled off and all the pretty colors pop out as the trees change.

I also get a chance to see old friends like Stow Mayor Sara Kline.



It was all part of Stow's Safety Forces Open House. They invited members of the community to tour the fire house and police department.

I also got to spend time at one of my favorite places—Bolich Middle School in Cuyahoga Falls.

The students there are so nice. They also have a wonderful teacher in Wendy Thomas.



And I got to meet a new friend. That's Cuyahoga Falls Police Department School Resource Officer Dennis and his K-9 Dan C.



Dan C. is an English Springer Spaniel who helps Officer Dennis when he speaks with students.

I also had a lot of fun at my weekly visits to Akron's Haven of Rest. Everyone is so nice there. I have such a good time. And I am happy to make them happy.



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GUILTY VERDICTS



October 2016

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

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| Teri Burnside | Greg Peacock |
| Joe Dangelo | Justin Richard |
| Felicia Easter | Dustin Roth |
| Tom Kroll | Brian Stano |
| Joe Miller | Ryan Stickel |

GREAT JOB PROSECUTORS!

TOUGH PROSECUTIONS

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

Patrick Renaud, 49

- Rape of a 12-year-old
- **TWO LIFE SENTENCES**

Heather Frye, 32 & Brenda Frye, 52

- Involuntary Manslaughter
- Endangering Children
- **EACH RECEIVED 9 YEARS IN PRISON**

James Lane, 19

- Rape of a 12-year-old
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

Marcel Williams, 22

- Felonious Assault with a Gun
- Having a Weapon Under Disability
- **12 YEARS IN PRISON**



Javon Spells, 20

- Attempted Murder
- Aggravated Robbery
- **15 YEARS IN PRISON**



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JUSTICE FOR SUSAN SOLDIERSON

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office fights for justice and victims' rights, no matter how much time has passed since the crime occurred.

We take you back to 1986. Susan Soldierson was a 22-year-old senior at the University of Akron. She was outside the Stonehedge Bowling Alley in Akron when she was kidnapped and murdered by three men. Soldierson was pulled into a car in the parking lot in a robbery attempt. After ripping her purse from her, Soldierson was pushed out of the car. She died from head injuries two days later.

Victor Logan, Marcazuan Lockett, and Albert Young were found guilty of involuntary manslaughter, aggravated robbery, and kidnapping. The judge ordered all three to serve 30 to 75 years in prison. At the sentencing hearing, the judge said he wanted



Logan to serve all 75 years because he would still be a danger to society when released from prison. Logan still has a lack of remorse and refuses to take responsibility for his role in Susan's murder.

Now, 30 years after the horrible incident, Logan and Lockett are being looked at for possible parole.

We feel these people are still a danger to society and do not want them released. Lockett, 17 at the time of the crime, already had an extensive juvenile record and was charged as an adult. And Logan had just been released from his parole officer after serving time for breaking and entering.

You can help. Sign the online petition urging the Ohio Parole Board to deny their request for parole. Here is the link <http://bit.ly/2ePS4kh>. Help keep these dangerous criminals locked up.

PROSECUTOR "SHOUT-OUT"

A prosecutor "Shout-Out" this month for local photographer **Rob Blair**.

Rob provided four stunning pieces of art for our newly renovated witness waiting room in the courthouse. The four separate photographs were donated by Rob.



Rob is a native of Northeast Ohio and currently lives in Munroe Falls. Rob does fantastic work. You can check out his photographs on Facebook—just

search [robbclair07](#) or go to his website—www.robertblairphotography.com. Thanks Rob!

SENIOR SAFETY FAIR

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office was proud to take part in this year's annual Senior Safety Fair at Summit Mall.

Attendees learned about all the services the Prosecutor's Office provides, including our **Take Me Home** Program.

Take Me Home is a secure law enforcement database to reconnect caregivers with children and adults who may wander and have a difficult time communicating.

The Prosecutor's Office is also very active in the community, hosting several safety and self-defense classes

to help our seniors become more aware and safer.

For more information about Take Me Home, contact Leslie Knoblauch at knoblauch@prosecutor.summitoh.net.



TOP COP

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DETECTIVE JOHN LOMBARDI NOMINATED BY ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR TOM KROLL

One of the more difficult cases we prosecute is when a survivor of sexual assault comes forward years after the incident. But thanks to some excellent investigative work, we were recently able to secure a conviction in a case dating back several years.

I am nominating Springfield Township Police Detective John Lombardi for his work on the case of James Lane. A Summit County jury convicted Lane in the rape of a 12-year-old girl and he is currently serving a life sentence for the crime.

When the victim's mother reported this crime Detective Lombardi immediately ensured the victim received medical and psychological care. Besides interviewing the victim, Detective Lombardi continued to develop evidence in the case by reaching out to others who had knowledge of the crime.



One key piece of evidence was discovered as Detective Lombardi interviewed the defendant. The detective noticed a homemade tattoo on Lane. Based on his investigation, Detective Lombardi knew this was code for defendant's relationship with the victim. Plus, Detective Lombardi was aware of a prior sex offense involving this same defendant, who had a history of preying on young victims.

Detective Lombardi's complete investigation and commitment to the case ensured a conviction for this sex offender.

As the November TOP COP, Detective Lombardi will receive a gift card from Lembo's Italian Restaurant in Akron. Thank you Lembo's for your continued support of local law enforcement.

Congratulations Detective Lombardi!!

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

Summit County is a melting pot of diverse cultures and ethnicities. By just driving through neighborhoods, you can see how different cultures have left their marks on how we live.

This is apparent in Akron's North Hill neighborhood. North Hill is home to families from all over the world, including Nepal and Korea. Many people who live in North Hill are at-risk, with the community battling unemployment, crime, and broken families.

One organization is trying to change that. Urban Vision serves the North Hill community by working with families, especially those from other countries, to build dignity, unity, and empower them to succeed and lead.



The faith based organization has about 115 students in its aftercare program where participants receive help with homework and engage in extracurricular activities.

URBAN VISION

Urban Vision also offers several other programs including teaching English, ballet, a Christmas store, and daycare. They even have a community garden!

All of Urban Vision's staff live in North Hill, which gives them a better sense of the needs of the community and helps build deeper relationships..

For more information please visit Urban Vision's website at www.urbanvisionministry.org

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