



FROM THE OFFICE OF  
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR  
**SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

**A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH**

**NEW YEAR—NEW SCAMS!**

With the start of every new year, we take a moment to reflect on how we can be better. The past two years have been very difficult for many of us. My hope is 2022 will be filled with positivity and safety.



**SAFETY  
IN THE  
NEW  
YEAR**

The new year also provides an opportunity to start fresh and make resolutions to improve our lives. Unfortunately, criminals use that as an opportunity to take advantage of people. I want to make sure you have the information you need to protect yourself from some of the more popular scams.

How many of you resolve to lose weight and improve your health in the new year? Gyms are typically filled with new members who are full of energy in trying to reach their goal. However, one thing you might want to avoid is ordering pills and weight-loss supplements which are advertised on social media.

The Better Business Bureau warns against jumping on any deal you see advertised. Many offer great deals on samples, but then charge you lots more once those 30 days are up.

One way to avoid those scams is to google the name of the product or business and see if there are any reviews or complaints.

The wintertime also brings cold and snow! As the snow piles up, don't let your frustrations lead to a scammer.

If you're looking for a snow removal service, do your homework. These tips will hopefully spare you some aggravation and money!

**CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL CITY—** Many local cities request snowplow businesses register with the city.

**ASK YOUR NEIGHBORS —** See if they have hired someone and find out how much experience they have.

**ASK FOR INSURANCE —** Make sure the business has insurance in case a plow hits something.

**REVIEW THE CONTRACT—** Check to see when payments are due and the snowplow company's responsibilities.

Scammers increase their calls this time of year, especially ones who claim to be from the power company. They threaten that your power will be shut off unless you pay up.

No one wants to lose power, especially when the weather gets cold. If you get one of these calls, hang up and find your bill. Call the number from your bill to make sure you are connecting with the actual power company. And never give any personal information to someone who calls you.

The new year might also bring a great deal. Who doesn't love a good deal? But be careful of coupons you see on social media and in your email. They will look very real but can be fake!



To get the discount, you might be asked for your name, date of birth,

even your social security number and credit card information.

Remember to never provide your date of birth to someone online and check a website's security information before you give your credit card information.

I hope you have a wonderful 2022 and, as always, be safe!

*Sherri B. Walsh*



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# IN THE COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh, who was named the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association's 2021 "Outstanding Prosecuting Attorney". The "Outstanding Prosecuting Attorney" recognizes Prosecutor Walsh for her continued fight for the rights of victims as well as her determination to hold criminals accountable.

Prosecutor Walsh is the 37<sup>th</sup> recipient of the OPAA's "Outstanding Prosecuting Attorney" award and only the third woman to ever receive the award

The Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association also honored Summit County Assistant Prosecutor Joe Dangelo with the "Meritorious Assistant Prosecuting Attorney" award for his work in securing a conviction of Stanley Ford in the murders of nine people in two separate fires.



Mr. Dangelo is the fourth Summit County Assistant Prosecutor to receive the OPAA's "Meritorious Assistant Prosecuting Attorney" award. Prior recipients include Brian LoPrinzi (2001), who nominated Mr. Dangelo for the honor.

## 2021 BY THE NUMBERS:

- 5,109 TOTAL DEFENDANTS
- 4,927 FOUND GUILTY OR PLED GUILTY
- 96% CONVICTION RATE
- 28 TRIALS
- 91 OPEN HOMICIDE CASES



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## ARE YOU MISSING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS?

**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD SUPPORT CASE IN  
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO YOU MAY HAVE  
MONEY WAITING FOR YOU!**

**IF YOU HAVE OR  
HAD THIS GREEN  
CARD**



**AND YOUR PAYMENTS  
STOPPED, YOU MAY  
HAVE FUNDS ON THE  
NEW BLACK CARD  
WHICH WAS ISSUED  
AFTER JUNE 2019.**



**If you are not sure, please contact Summit  
County CSEA at (330) 643-2765 to find out!**

**If you have possession of the SM1One card (black card)  
and it has not expired, please do the following:**

- Call 1-855-279-2744
- Press option 2
- Enter the debit card number, and other identifying information as directed.
- You will be instructed on how to set up a PIN.

**If you no longer have the SM1One card (black card), never  
received the card, or the card has expired, please do the  
following:**

- Call 1-855-279-2744
- Press the prompt to speak to a Customer Service Representative to let them know you need a new card issued.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**The new card comes in a PLAIN ENVELOPE.  
Please watch for it and do not discard.**



# AVERY'S CORNER

# EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

I absolutely love the holiday season. Hoomans seem to be in a joyous mood. And I get to see my friends, many I only get to see this time of year.



That's my good friend Santa. He is so much fun to see. Actually, I know it's just one of Santa's helpers who happens to work where I work.

That's my friend Kevin who's an Assistant Prosecutor in the office.

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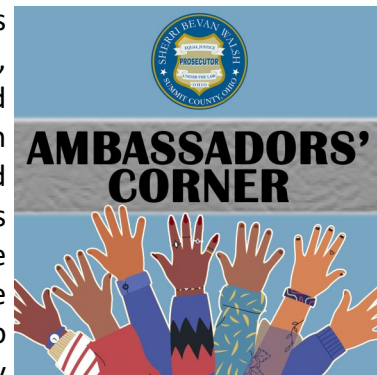
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For many people, the holidays are a time to look forward to. Even with the stress of meal planning and gift giving, many of us still find it to be a happy time of the year.

However, this isn't always the case. For some people, the holidays and sometimes after can be an emotionally exhausting and difficult time. This is especially true during the pandemic since there are questions about how to keep events and family gatherings safe during the COVID pandemic.



The Summit County Prosecutor's Office Ambassadors for Equity and Social Justice care about your well-being, and we look at ways to keep everyone safe and happy. We understand that feeling depressed during the holiday is a real but treatable concern.

We welcome you to visit the National Health Hotline <https://www.healthline.com/health/depression/holiday-blues> on how to deal with stress and depression during the holidays. We wish you good health and hope you had an enjoyable holiday season!

## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office works hard to help make our community a better and safer place to live. Employees are involved in many community projects which improve our neighborhoods.

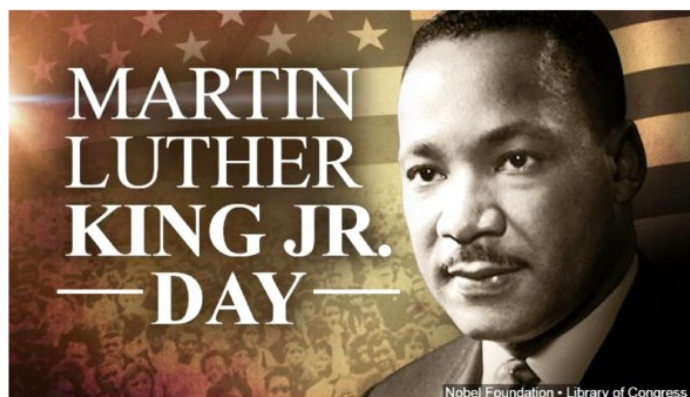


Several employees took part in the Salvation Army's annual bell ringing to help raise money for the organization.

Pictured above are **John Galonski**, head of our Civil Division, with **Judith Lynn Lee**, our front desk receptionist. To the right are **Jennifer Tultz**, who's the director of the Prosecutor's Office Child Support Enforcement Agency, and her husband **Ed**.



We thank them and all the other employees who assisted in ringing bells for the Salvation Army.



**Help Us Go Green!**

Contact Melanie Hart at [hart@prosecutor.summitoh.net](mailto:hart@prosecutor.summitoh.net) to receive this newsletter by e-mail



# TOP COPS

## NEW FRANKLIN POLICE OFFICER ETHAN BROWN & FMR. NEW FRANKLIN OFFICER SAVANNAH SELDEN NOMINATED BY ASST. PROS. ZACHARY NEUMANN

Many times this newsletter has mentioned that domestic violence cases are some of the more difficult situations law enforcement officers encounter.

This was the case in November of 2020 when New Franklin Officers Ethan Brown and Savannah Selden responded to a domestic disturbance call. Officer Selden arrived first and attempted to separate the parties involved. Officer Brown arrived just as Officer Selden attempted to detain the suspect.

The suspect resisted and threw several punches at the officers and attempted to place Officer Selden in a headlock. Officer Brown was able to deploy his taser and both were able to subdue the defendant.



Throughout the entire process, the Defendant insulted, attacked, threw punches, and kicked at the two officers. Both officers acted with extreme professionalism and did not lose their cool. This professionalism carried over to the court proceedings. Both Officers Brown and Selden attended meetings and testified at trial. At every step of the way both officers' professionalism allowed the Defendant to be found guilty and brought to justice.

The defendant, Jerold Van Sickle, was found guilty of Assault on a Peace Officer.

**Great job and congratulations Officers Brown and Selden!!!**

## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Crystal Baker for being honored as the 2021 Summit County Prosecutor's Office Employee of the Year!

As Victim Services Director, Crystal oversees and manages eight Victim Advocates, assuring the needs of victims are met and their rights upheld.

Crystal also established and manages the annual "Responding to the Needs of Victims" conference. The conference brings in nationally known speakers to provide vital information to hundreds of people in and around Ohio.

Congratulations Crystal on being the Prosecutor's Office Employee of the Year for 2021!



## STALKING AWARENESS

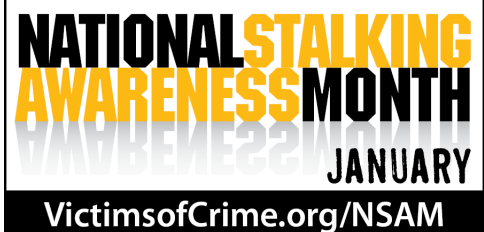
This month marks the 18th annual National Stalking Awareness Month (#NSAM). The month brings awareness to the dangers stalking places on victims and the community.

Researchers found that nearly 70% of mass shootings from 2014 through 2019

started as either domestic violence incidents or the shooter had a history of domestic violence.

Each year 7.5 million Americans are victims of stalking. The hope is that by talking about stalking, people have an increased understanding of the crime.

Stalking victims are often forced to move frequently in an attempt to escape and to avoid their stalker. Visit [www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org](http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org) to learn more about ways you can protect yourself.



# WHY I'M A PROSECUTOR

## JACQI CORGAN

"Why I'm A Prosecutor" gives our prosecutors the chance to tell their own story and why being a prosecutor is so important to them.

As we begin a new year, their dedication to the community, and to finding truth, hasn't changed.

Assistant Prosecutor Jacqi Corgan, who works in our Appellate Division, talks about why being a prosecutor is so important to her.



### • WHY DID YOU BECOME A PROSECUTOR?

I became a prosecutor because of a woman I met while I was a newspaper reporter in Warren, Ohio. I covered many trials and ended up sitting next to a woman named Miriam Fife, who was one of the few victim advocates in Trumbull County. After speaking with her and learning about the murder of her son, I realized that if I ever became an attorney that I would want to work as a prosecutor to help people like Miriam in order to be an advocate for victims of crime.

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

One of the best parts of being a prosecutor is that I actually fulfill what I set out to do, which is to help protect victims, to protect my community, and to serve justice.

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

One of the most difficult parts of being a prosecutor is what we see. You see the ugliest things which happen in society and you have to confront them every day. Even though I am in appeals and am more separated from the day-to-day courtroom situations which many of my colleagues see, I still have to experience the cases by reading through transcripts of the trials. It can be very difficult at times.

You can watch Jacqi's complete video on our website, Facebook and YouTube page.

## PROSECUTOR WALSH HONORED WITH #SANDBOXSTRONG AWARD

Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh was honored by the Matt Patrick Memorial Foundation as the recipient of the 2021 #SandboxStrong Award. Prosecutor Walsh is the third recipient of this award.

The foundation honored Prosecutor Walsh for her service to the Summit County community, her tenacity, service to others and perseverance through her own bout of cancer.

The Matt Patrick Foundation was established in 2018 by his widow, Paula, as a tribute to the memory of Michael "Matt Patrick" Ryan. Matt Patrick was a talented and successful radio personality in Akron for almost 30 years. Matt was known for his devotion to the Akron Children's Hospital 'Have A Heart, Do Your Part Radiothon'.

Paula Ryan and her son Jake presented Prosecutor Walsh with the award.



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