



FROM THE OFFICE OF
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH
NEW SCAMS—STAY ALERT!

It's another month, and we are once again hearing about new scams. Scammers are always trying new and unusual ways to try to get your money and potentially steal your identity.

Two new scams have recently popped up in Summit County. But my message is the same—stay alert and think before you act.

We'd all love to win some money from a lottery or other contest. It would be great to get your hands on millions of dollars. And that's how scammers get their victims.

The latest scam involves thieves pretending to be with Publishers Clearing House. You can be notified either by phone or mail.

In the phone call scam, the caller will tell you that you've been selected as the backup winner because the main winner did not satisfy all the requirements. The caller said because of specific tax laws you would have to

pay tens of thousands of dollars upfront to get the winnings.

So a few things about this specific scam.



- Publishers Clearing House will not call in advance of giving a prize. They normally just show up for a big surprise.
- It is illegal to be required to pay anything upfront, even if someone claims its for taxes, to receive your winnings. Taxes are paid after you receive your prize.

The other Publishers Clearing House scam involves an item sent through the mail. It will look something like what you see in the picture.

It's a letter with a check which says you won a prize.

However, there are some signs which show this is a scam.

- Misspelled words.
- The return address does not match where the letter was mailed from.
- A quick online search shows the phone number you are told to call does not in fact go to the organization.
- You are asked to cash a check or send money before you can claim your prize.

It might be great to think you've become a multi-millionaire, but if it sounds too good to be true then it probably is.

If you aren't sure about something, or if it sounds fishy, ask someone you trust.

Also, don't give out personal information to anyone you don't know.

As always, stay safe.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office was proud to participate in the OPEN M's annual Community Day Luncheon. It's part of our commitment to help make Summit County a better and safer place to live.

The event included lots of food, music, games, and giveaways. A great time for all!



Our Citizens Academy is coming up. If you'd like to learn more about the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, the cases we prosecute, our devotion to victims' rights, and our mission to inform citizens of how we protect the community - then sign up!


Topics include: Preparing a case for Grand Jury, prosecuting gun cases, and a prosecutor's ethical obligations.

Citizens Academy starts September 13 and is every Wednesday at 6:30pm for ten weeks.


To register go to bit.ly/3JUmiQA

or scan the QR code on the flyer below.

PROSECUTOR
SHERRI BEVAN WALSH
PRESENTS
2023 CITIZENS ACADEMY

"Criminal justice touches our lives in ways that most people might not think about."
- SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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TOGETHER WE THRIVE

Learn how to balance the scales of justice. Be a part of the Citizens Academy! These FREE classes will begin September 13, 2023 and cover:

- Gun Violence**
- Police Shootings & Body Cams**
- Child Support**
- Sex Crimes**
- Human Trafficking**
- Grand Jury**
- Domestic Violence**
- Ethical Decisions**

For more information, contact:
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Scan to register!



Registration ends August 30, 2023

GUILTY VERDICTS

July 2023

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

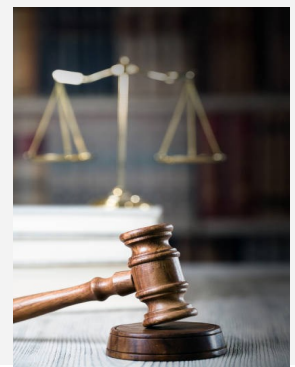
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| Emily Hall | Joseph Mittica |
| Elliot Kolkovich (2) | Jamie Morris |
| Joseph McAleese | Dan Sallerson |
| Seema Misra | Brian Stano |
| Jamila Mitchell | |

GREAT JOB PROSECUTORS!

TOUGH PROSECUTIONS

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

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| Eric Pursley, 23 | Dustin Austin, 39 |
| • Murder | • Murder |
| • LIFE IN PRISON | • LIFE IN PRISON |
| Daniel Rees, 60 | Reginald Carter, 39 |
| • Aggravated Murder | • Felonious Assault |
| • LIFE IN PRISON | • 22 to 26 YEARS IN PRISON |
| Zyeir Saunders, 22 | |
| • Involuntary Manslaughter | |
| • 35 to 40.5 YEARS IN PRISON | |





AVERY'S CORNER

EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

It's fair season! I got to spend time with lots of my hooman friends at the Summit County Fair!



It was so much fun. I got to ride around in a golf cart. I felt like an MVP (Most Valuable Pooch!). I rode around looking at all the fun rides and yummy food. Unfortunately I did not get any food—and I really wanted a corn dog!



I also got to meet some new friends. They were all dressed so nicely in their uniforms. They were very nice and said they even have furry friends of their own!

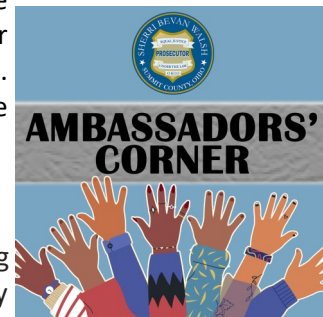
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The Summit County Prosecutor's Office "Ambassadors for Equity & Social Justice" was formed to work toward bringing people of different backgrounds and cultures together. Each month the Ambassadors share thoughts in making our community a better place to live. Here is an article from one of the group's members.



You've probably heard the saying "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me". However, adults know that words can leave an impact, even if the person saying those words did not intend to be hurtful.

There are plenty of sayings many of us use everyday which can be hurtful to various groups of people.

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office Ambassadors for Equity and Social Justice committee recently addressed terms and sayings which are part of every day conversations yet have roots in racism.

"Blackmail" (related to extortion), **"Black sheep"** (bad or rejected), **"Blacklist"** (banishment), and **"black market"** (illicitness) are so woven into the fabric of our language that we often don't reflect on their racist overtones. Think about why other colors aren't used instead. The meaning of these phrases is always something undesirable.

"Indian Giver". An Indian gift is a proverbial expression signifying a present for which an equivalent return is expected. We equate this to Native Americans, because our feeling is that they gave us America and... then they changed their minds about giving it to us, so we use this offensive term whenever someone gives us something and then takes it back.

Other phrases and words with racist beginnings include "master bedroom", "peanut gallery", "uppity", "no can do", and even "cakewalk". Just google "words with racist connotations" and you can find several websites with lists.

It's time to reflect on moving forward now that we are more enlightened. Before you say one of these words or phrases, stop and reflect on the potential impact. Then consider other words you can use as a replacement.



Help Us Go Green!

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



TOP COP

AKRON POLICE DET. TOM PARR

NOMINATED BY ASST. PROS. GREG PEACOCK & JOE MCALEESE

Ofentimes the investigation into serious cases can draw a lot of attention to the crime scene itself. It's always important to look for information and evidence outside of the yellow tape. This is exactly what Detective Thomas Parr with the Akron Police Department has done in some of Akron's more violent crimes. And that is why we nominate Det. Parr as this month's TOP COP.



Quarterman and *State of Ohio v. Christopher Mason*. Each of these cases required dedication and commitment to details in helping locate those responsible for taking the lives of the victims. Detective Parr recognized surveillance footage in each case that would lead to substantial evidence used to help ensure a conviction.

Detective Parr is assigned to the Major Crimes unit with the Akron Police Department, and his investigations can often involve crimes of murder. Along with other detectives in this unit, Det. Parr devotes countless hours working an investigation, dedicating time and resources to best understand the circumstances surrounding the crime, as well as reviewing evidence that may best assist in bringing justice to the victims and their family.

Detective Parr's efforts to look outside of the crime scene itself and rely on his training and experience to put together these investigations led to guilty verdicts on all three individuals, found justice for the victims and their family and helped ensure that the violent individuals involved were held accountable.

Fowler, Quarterman, and Mason are all serving life sentences.

In the last few months, Detective Parr assisted the Summit County Prosecutor's Office in three murder convictions, *State of Ohio v. Anthony Fowler*, *State of Ohio v. Alexander*

**Great job and congratulations
Det. Parr!**

FAITH & BLUE EVENT

The Summit County Prosecutor's Office is once again excited and honored to work with Summit County Sheriff Kandy Fatheree on the upcoming Faith & Blue event.

The event's goal is to bring law enforcement and the community together through the reach of houses of worship and faith-based organizations.

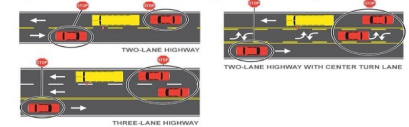
To learn more or to register, go to www.summitfaithandblue.com or scan the QR code on the flyer.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

It's back to school time! It's a good time to remind people to keep an eye out for school buses on the road.

When to stop for a school bus in Ohio

On a road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped school bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed.



If the bus is stopped on a street with four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.



Failure to stop for a school bus adds 2 points to your license in Ohio and is punishable by fines up to \$500. You must appear in court and the judge has the discretion to suspend your driver's license for up to one year. A driver who injures a pedestrian while failing to comply with school bus safety laws can face both criminal charges and civil liability. Those liabilities can include the victim's medical expenses, lost wages, rehabilitation, and non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering.

Remember the rules when a school bus pulls over to pick up or drop off children.

On a road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped school bus from any direction must stop at least 10 feet from the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals drivers to proceed.

If the school bus is stopped on a street with four or more lanes, only traffic traveling in the same direction as the bus must stop.

WHY I'M A PROSECUTOR

JAMIE MORRIS

"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 continue into 2023, their dedication to the community, and to finding justice, hasn't changed.

Assistant Prosecutor Jamie Morris, who works in our Criminal Division, talks about why being a prosecutor is so important to her.



• WHY DID YOU BECOME A PROSECUTOR?

I became a prosecutor because service is very much a part of my life. I'm a former teacher and as a prosecutor I'm able to be a protector, an advocate, and a voice for some of our most vulnerable people in our society. I'm able to work with populations more than just kids. I'm able to advocate in a way that I wasn't able to when I was teaching and to move further into people's lives. I loved working with kids and the community, but there was only so far I could go for finding justice as a teacher and I was really missing that. This job allows me to do that.

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

The best part of being a prosecutor is being able to really be a voice for those vulnerable populations. For me the most rewarding part is when I'm able to provide some sort of relief or closure for a family. The victim and their family are dealing with a number of different things and while closure doesn't take that away, there is a sense that justice has been served and the healing can begin. It's so rewarding to be a part of that.

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

The most difficult part of being a prosecutor is when you can see where justice should be but you're not able to reach that goal. Sometimes the evidence just isn't there and it's very frustrating to know that the outcome should be different but isn't.

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

RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS

It's time to register for Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh's 8th annual "Responding to the Needs of Victims" conference on Friday, September 29, 2023.

This year's conference focuses on investigating homicides and features two nationally recognized experts. Ryan Backmann brings his unique experience as the son of a homicide victim and Jennifer Spears is a Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agent who brings nearly 20 years of experience investigating both homicides and cold case homicides.

You can click on the QR code on the image above or follow this link to register for the conference— <https://bit.ly/3PGNzcZ>.

Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh Presents OR SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS

Eighth Annual Conference **Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/3PGNzcZ>

Responding to the Needs of Victims **Cost: \$40⁰⁰**

Featuring Nationally Recognized Experts

Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement Special Agent
Jennifer Spears

Jan is currently a Special Agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. She has over 18 years' experience investigating both homicides and cold case homicides. She is an experienced instructor, lecturer, and conference presenter. She is current President of the Southeastern Homicide Investigators Association.

Homicide Survivor/Founder and Executive Director of Project Cold Case
Ryan Backmann

Ryan Backmann is a survivor of homicide his father was murdered in 2008 and it remains a cold case. He is Founder and Executive Director of Project Cold Case. He has spoken at NREI and many other conferences. Years of working closely with Florida lawmakers and establishing relationships with law enforcement are instrumental in establishing a Florida Cold Case Advisory Commission and a statewide Cold Case Database.

Friday, September 29, 2023
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Registration 8:00 am - 8:30 am
Hilton Akron / Fairlawn 3180 W Market St. Akron, OH 44333

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Continuing Legal Education & CEU's with CSMFT Board - Pending Approval

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