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A MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR WALSH

PROTECTING YOUR PACKAGES

The holiday season is almost upon us. Many will spend the next month online looking for gifts for loved ones. Once purchased, we play the waiting game; anxious moments until that precious package arrives. But will it be there when you get home?

We have heard stories where thieves keep an eye out for delivery trucks. Once the driver is gone, the suspect runs up, grabs the package and is gone in a blink of an eye - your holiday magic stolen before you can say happy holidays!

Even Amazon is doing something to ensure your package is there when you get home. The world's largest e-commerce company recently launched Amazon Key. The product is a smart door lock which connects to an app on your phone. If you buy something through Amazon, the delivery person can get a code, open your door, and place the package securely inside your home.

Wal-Mart and Giant Eagle are also experimenting with in-home delivery, bringing groceries from the store directly to your fridge.

All this brings up security concerns. Companies say all employees will go

through background checks. But if you still feel uncomfortable allowing a stranger access to your home, there are things you can do to make sure that package you ordered isn't stolen.

You can buy a locked, secure mailbox. They aren't terribly expensive and buying one could put your mind at ease.

Also, look into renting a mailbox or locker at a nearby store, such as your

local UPS Store or even Amazon Locker.

Another way to make sure the item you bought online gets to you is have it delivered to your workplace. Doing so could reduce the risk of that package being stolen—as long as your company allows the delivery of personal items!

Look at installing video surveillance cameras at your front door. A security camera serves as a deterrent for criminals by catching them on camera. The video and pictures give police an edge in tracking down the suspect.

When buying items online, require a signature upon delivery. If your package was left unattended, or even worse, lost, because they didn't follow the protocol, delivery companies could be liable to legal actions. You could also be entitled to a full refund or replacement if you didn't get a proof of delivery when you demand delivery by signature.



More deliveries also may mean unfamiliar people and vehicles in your neighborhood. Keep an eye on slow-moving vehicles or ones that are stopped for a long period of time. The driver could be lost, or possibly searching for an easy target. Call the police if you suspect something suspicious.

My hope is taking these precautions will ease your stress this holiday season and ensure those precious gifts get delivered.

As always, stay safe!

Sherri B. Walsh



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IN THE COMMUNITY

October began with a wonderful way to reach the community. The Summit County Prosecutor's Office took part in our area's first ever On The Table Event.

At several locations throughout Summit County, local leaders, activists, and regular citizens gathered to discuss issues confronting our neighborhoods.



Prosecutor Walsh took part in the open discussion hosted by the **Hudson Community Foundation**. That talk focused on drug and alcohol abuse.

Chief Assistant Prosecutors Margaret Scott and Joe Fantozzi led our On The Table talk at the Giant Eagle in Green.



Assistant Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich brought people together at the Akron Family Restaurant.

Those who took part will continue the conversation by completing a short survey on the themes discussed. The Akron Community Foundation will use those responses to create a report highlighting the main points from all of the On The Table meetings in our area.



The one-of-a-kind initiative was organized by the Akron Community Foundation with support from the John S. Knight Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and take part in the discussions. Hopefully these open talks will bring more people together and make our community better.

Employees with the Summit County Prosecutor's Office love heading out in the community and meeting people.

We had so much fun at the Stow safety forces open house. Thank you **Mayor Sara Kline** for inviting us. Avery was happy to see you and meet your four-legged family member!



People got to take a tour of the fire station and police department, watch live demonstrations with the Jaws of Life, K-9 Units, rappelling and more. Fire trucks, police cruisers and SWAT vehicles were also on display.



Close to 100 people learned some great safety information at our FREE Women's Self-Defense class at Green High School.



Chief Assistant Prosecutor Margaret Scott and **Summit County Sheriff Steve Barry** led the event.

People learned ways to stay safe and tips to escape an attacker, including the best way to kick, punch, and if necessary, fight.



Prosecutor Walsh also helped people stay safe and not become a victim when she spoke at Hudson's United Methodist Church.

Hot topics were how to avoid the latest scams and what criminals look for when targeting a potential victim.



AVERY'S ADVENTURES KEEPING THE COMMUNITY SAFE

October is one of my favorite months! I love the cooler weather and running through the leaves.

I also love helping people. I was very busy last month helping three people from the same family.



They had some bad things happen to them. They came in to visit my human friends. I'm just glad I was able to help.

One of my favorite places to go is Akron's Haven of Rest.

I get to go there every Monday. Everyone is so happy to see me. I've heard many humans say they don't like Mondays. But Mondays are my favorite day of the week!



I also love to look good! Look how pretty I am thanks to Kiara at Pet Supplies Plus in Green. She did a great job getting me all cleaned up and for making me look so good.



TOUGH PROSECUTIONS

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

Joshua Martucci, 26

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

Ernest Bennett, 43

- Trafficking in Heroin
- Possession of Heroin
- Possession of Cocaine
- **MANDATORY 16 YEARS IN PRISON**

Nathan Huff, 25

- Murder
- **LIFE IN PRISON**

Donald Alexander, 52

- Manslaughter
- **13 YEARS IN PRISON**



GUILTY VERDICTS October 2017

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

Jon Baumoel

Teri Burnside

Ty Graham (2)

Elliot Kolkovich



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TOP COP

OFFICERS KASEY LASKO & JUSTIN BURGESS—STOW PD NOMINATED BY ASST. PROSECUTOR ARIANA ZIMCOSKY

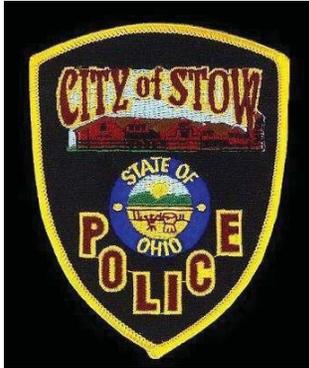
Handling an unruly suspect is not easy. It takes exceptional training, restraint, and an ability to remain calm in a stressful environment. For these reasons, I nominate Officers Kasey Lasko and Justin Burgess from the Stow Police Department as this month's TOP COPS.

The officers responded to a call about a juvenile who had an active arrest warrant. As the officers began to search the teen, the juvenile became belligerent and even tried to bite and spit at Officer Lasko. The officers eventually were able to restrain the juvenile and get the situation under control.

The officers were prompt in meeting with me, quick to respond to any questions I had, brought any additional evidence that I needed, and testified very well during trial.

The juvenile was eventually found delinquent of assault and admitted to resisting arrest.

They were both confronted with a somewhat difficult



situation since the juvenile was known to the department for prior assaults. Their actions neutralized any potential issues and both kept a calm demeanor and understanding of the juvenile's situation.

They handled the situation calmly and professionally and their efforts were commented on by witnesses. In fact, one of the eyewitnesses was highly complimentary of the officers and how they handled the situation.

As this month's TOP COPS, Officers Lasko and Burgess receive a gift card from the Stow Texas Roadhouse. Thank you Texas Roadhouse for your support of local law enforcement.

Congratulations Officers Lasko & Burgess and great job!

FREE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

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

Join us at Silver Lake Elementary on Overlook Road on Thursday, November 16, 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!



Thursday, November, 16, 2017
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Silver Lake Elementary
2970 Overlook Road
Silver Lake, OH 44224
Gymnasium

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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ANGEL TREE CEREMONY

For over 20 years, the Summit County Victim Assistance Program has helped families who have lost loved ones to violence. To memorialize these individuals, the Victim Assistance Program conducts the annual Angel Tree Ceremony service at the Downtown Akron Public Library on the first Monday of December. This year's event is on December 4th at 5:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Family members and friends of homicide victims are asked to submit a photo of their loved one to display on the Wall of Remembrance. These photographs remain on the wall throughout the month of December.

After this presentation, people will be invited to share messages of their loved one before adorning the tree with their angels. For more information please visit victimassistanceprogram.org.



Employee Spotlight

Ariana Zimcosky

Asst. Prosecutor—Juvenile Division, Delinquency

Hire Date: June 5, 2017

Title: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney—Juvenile Division, Delinquency

Hometown: Hiram

Education: I received two Associate's Degrees from Cuyahoga Community College; one in Deaf Interpretive Service and the other in Paralegal Studies. I received my Bachelor's degree from Kent State in Educational Interpreting, and my law degree through the part-time evening program from Cleveland-Marshall. I was homeschooled for high school and received my GED when I was 16 and started college when I was 17.



Hobbies/Interests: I enjoy sports and play co-ed soccer all year. I also played softball for about 14 years, one of which was for college, and coached for two years. I run the occasional 5k when I have a chance and ride horses. I don't swim as often as I used to but I did complete an indoor triathlon a few years ago. I did martial arts for a number of years as well and it's something I'm looking to get back into. I also like to travel and so far have been to about 20 states and four different countries.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

TAKE ME HOME

With the weather turning colder, this time of year can be especially dangerous for people who have specific conditions such as Alzheimer's, dementia, and autism, which may lead them to wander away from home.



November is national Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. It's also a good time to remind the residents of Summit County about a unique program offered by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office and the Summit County Sheriff's Office. It's called Take Me Home.

Take Me Home is a secure database, accessible only by law enforcement, which is used to help reconnect

caregivers with children and adults who have a difficult time communicating and may wander from home.

The database contains a photo, contact information, and identifying characteristics that can be searched if a person is reported missing or is found wandering.

Take Me Home began in Summit County in 2007 and currently has nearly 2,000 Summit County citizens registered in the program who would need additional assistance in an emergency.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this program and is not registered, please have them contact Leslie at knoblauch@prosecutor.summitoh.net, or 330-643-2800.

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