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Investigators Arrest Non-Custodial Parent Who Owes Over \$30,000 in Child Support

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, December 06, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that investigators with the Prosecutor's Office Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) arrested Matthew Uhr for failing to pay over \$33,000 in back child support. Mr. Uhr had not made a child support payment in more than 12 years.

Upon Uhr's arrest, the mother of his child received a lump sum payment of \$15,000. Uhr still owes \$18,526.61 in child support and is currently being held at the Summit County jail.

"One of my main goals as prosecutor is to help Summit County residents. That includes fighting for families who struggle financially because a non-custodial parent has failed to live up to their obligation to pay child support," said Prosecutor Walsh. "We may not always be successful, but this case is an example of how hard my investigators work to track down people who owe child support, even those who live out of state."

"The Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency's Criminal Non-Support Division offers many services to assist non-custodial parents. We provide job assistance, as well as the possibility of payment modification. The filing of felony charges is a last resort and only if the person owes more than \$5,000 or has not made a payment in over six months."

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Uhr, 42, was discovered living in Shreveport, Louisiana, over 1,000 miles from Akron. Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency investigators tracked Uhr to Shreveport after recently discovering his mother lives there. Investigators requested the assistance of Shreveport, Louisiana police, who eventually arrested Uhr on charges of criminal non-support. Uhr was then extradited to Summit County.

A Summit County grand jury indicted Uhr on February 15, 2012 on charges of non-support, a felony of the 5th degree. An arrest warrant was issued after Uhr did not appear in court and failed to pay his court ordered child support.

About CSEA

The Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency collects nearly \$84 million annually and handles nearly 50,000 child support cases. Each year it establishes support orders for approximately 4,000 children. Since its inception in 2001, the Criminal Non-Support program has collected over \$40 million through its aggressive prosecution of individuals neglecting to pay child support. You can learn more about CSEA on its website: <http://co.summitoh.net/prosecutor/index.php/divisions/child-support-enforcement>.