

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Father sentenced to prison for criminal non-support**

(August 31, 2009) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that on August 28, 2009, Judge Thomas Teodosio sentenced John Lee Bishop, 50, of Akron, OH, to six months in prison for the crime of non-support of dependents. At the time of sentencing, the Defendant owed \$15,091.71 in child support arrears.

This Criminal Non-Support case involves one child. In 2000, Bishop was ordered to pay \$132.80 per month.

Bishop failed to meet his financial obligation to his child and was charged with Criminal Non-Support in 2007. Bishop pled guilty to one count of non-support, a felony of the fifth degree and was placed on community control for a period of five years. In 2008, he pled guilty to violating his probation and was sentenced to the Oriana House Work Release Program.

Bishop continued to fail to meet his obligation to support his child and on August 28, 2009 he pled guilty to violating the terms and conditions of probation and was sentenced to six months in prison.