

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Sentenced to Two Years on Criminal Non-Support

(March 17, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that on March 16, 2009, James H. Daniels, Jr., 39, of Akron, was sentenced to two years in prison by Judge Patricia Cosgrove for the crime of non-support of dependents. At the time of sentencing, the Defendant owed \$53,328.04 in child support arrears.

This Criminal Non-support case involves two different Custodial Parents. In 1994, the defendant was court-ordered to pay the first Custodial Parent \$167.50 per month for one child, now 19-years-old. Then in 2000, the defendant was court-ordered to pay the other Custodial Parent \$101.83 per month for two children, both 14-years-old. Neither Custodial Parent, both of Akron, was ever married to the Defendant.

The Defendant failed to meet his financial obligation to his children and was charged with criminal non-support in 2005. The Defendant pled guilty to two counts of non-support, a felony of the fifth degree. The Defendant was placed on community control for a period of two years.

The Defendant continued to fail to meet his obligation to support his child and on February 27, 2009, the Defendant pled guilty to violating the terms and conditions of probation. On March 16, 2009 the defendant was sentenced to two years in prison. Since the defendant was placed on probation in 2005, he has only paid \$20.97 total for all three children.

Since the inception of the criminal non-support (CNS) program in 2001, more than \$16 million has been collected from those charged with CNS because these offenders know they may face prison if they continuously refuse to meet their child support obligations.