

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Women convicted for claiming her children live with her to qualify for food and cash assistance

(Akron, March 2, 2011) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Valerie Ziemba, 41, of N. Canton, was found guilty by a jury of Illegal Use of Food Stamps or WIC Benefits and Tampering with Evidence, both felonies of the third degree, and Theft, a felony of the fifth degree.

Valerie Ziemba falsified government documents to claim that her children resided with her in order to illegally obtain approximately \$14,427 in food stamp and cash assistance benefits. The children do not live with her, but with their father.

Judge Thomas Parker sentenced her to pay restitution in the amount of \$14,427 to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, four months of house arrest, two years community control, and to serve 10 days in the Summit County Jail.