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Message from the Prosecutor



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Internet Safety Day is Sunday, September 27, and is a day parents are asked to pledge to speak to their children about online safety. We are participating in this national campaign because it is important that parents know what their children are doing online. Parents can download a free parents guide to online safety at www.InternetSafetyDay.com. The free guide provides tips for parents reminding all of us that the conversation about Internet safety is just as important as the conversation about general safety.

Here is some information to keep in mind:

- **According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, 72% of 13-18 year olds have a personal profile on sites such as MySpace or Facebook.**
- **62% of them have posted photos of themselves.**
- **Two-out of-five teens report that they say little to their parents about their online activities.**

The best thing to do is sit down with your kids and see where they are going and what they are doing.

A teacher recently told me a very scary story. A 13-year-old girl approached the teacher very upset that one of the boys in school had revealing pictures of her on his cell phone and was showing them around school. The girl did not know how he got them. Upon digging deeper, she told the teacher that she had sent pictures of herself to a boy who was 19-years-old that she was communicating with on MySpace. It was actually a boy in school who had a crush on the girl and was posing as someone else.

Either way, this was a very worrisome scenario. It put the girl at risk of being online with a predator; her photos were now in "cyberspace" where they never go away; the boy was in trouble for having inappropriate pictures of a minor on his cell phone; and finally, the emotional turmoil and humiliation for the girl is immeasurable.

We can never be too cautious. Pay attention and talk to your kids!



Get Involved with Your Teens and Tweens Online Activities Tips from the FamilySafeComputers.org

- **Get online!**
- Know what Instant Messaging (IM) and Chat Rooms are
- Require that your child save their IM and chat history for your review
- Don't allow a WebCam
- Know IM codes (go to our website and click on "School Programs")
- Social Networking sites, such as MySpace, Facebook and other virtual communities pose many dangers for young people, remember these Do's and Don'ts
 - * Set profiles to private
 - * See your teens profile(s)
 - * Discuss online privacy
 - * No addresses, phone numbers, or other identifiable information
- Remind teens that anything posted online is there forever
- Know the warning signs of your teen being involved with a possible predator:
 - * Spends a lot of time online
 - * Find nude photos on the computer
 - * Withdraws from normal activity
 - * Receives phone calls, gifts from people you do not know
 - * Switches the screen quickly
 - * Creates a new account that you do not have access to

**Learn more at
www.InternetSafetyDay.com**

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We're on the Web!

www.co.summit.oh.us/Prosecutor/Index.htm

Top Cops!

Summit County Mortgage Fraud Task Force for outstanding investigation into the "Evergreen/David Willan" Securities and Mortgage Fraud Case. Willan is serving a 16 year sentence for defrauding hundreds of thousands of dollars from his victims.



Nominated by: Asst. Prosecutors **Brad Gessner, Colleen Sims, Richard Hoenigman, Mike Todd** and Intern **Jerad Zibritosky**

Top Cops: Prosecutor's Investigator **Dennis Balogh** (Ret), Sheriff's Office Sheriff **Drew Alexander**, Det. **Edward Gruska**, Capt. **Steve Barry**, Lt. **Jennifer Limbert**, Lt. **Donna Nicholas**, Sgt. **Dave Brown**, Det. **Gary Hall**, Det. **Bill McKinney**, Deputy **John Toth**; Akron Police Det. **Brian Callahan**; Cuyahoga Falls Det. **Rick Garinger**, Ret. Det. **Mark Hilbisch**; Ohio Attorney General's Office Attorneys **Brad Tamarro, Paul Scarsella**, Forensic Accountants **Leo Fernandez** and **Greg Jeffries**, and Investigator **Tom Murphy**, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Special Thanks to Supporting Agencies: Summit County Executive **Russ Pry**, Fiscal Officer **John Donofrio**, Staff Members **Jack Foy**, and **Shelly Davis**, Clerk of Courts **Dan Horrigan**, Staff Member **Mary Lou Daugherty**, Ohio Division of Financial Institutions Staff Member **Terry Robinson**.

The unprecedented investigation as a task force began March 2006 and continued with its first indictment in December 2007 against David Willan.

Great Job, Top Cops!

Recognized by **Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray** as the Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award. This task force became the model for similar task forces around the state.



MEET ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR CHAD VANORMAN



Position: Assistant Criminal Prosecutor

Hire date: March 20, 2006

Hometown: Clarkesville, GA

Law degree: University of Akron

Background: I was Prosecutor Walsh's law clerk for several years prior to passing the bar exam. I started here listening to jail calls for Investigator Mark Anderson.

Little known fact: I was accepted to pharmacy school but decided to attend law school instead.

Most memorable case: Defendant David White.

On February 28, 2009, David Uehlein, 57, of Cuyahoga Falls, was headed to Columbus to pick up Girl Scout cookies. He stopped at a restaurant he often frequented, so much so that they called him "Doc" because he has been a pediatric nurse for almost 33 years and a military reservist for 20 years. Mr. Uehlein, was being seated when he noticed some friends in the back of the restaurant. As he went to greet his friends, White and five of his friends were seated at a table towards the back of the restaurant. Mr. Uehlein stated that as he was walking past their table, White stood up and told him, "You really scare me." The victim took a few steps away then turned around and said to White, "You are actually scaring me." Mr. Uehlein went to talk to his friends and took the long way back to his booth to avoid the defendant's table again. White met the victim as he walked back to his table and brutally assaulted him, causing multiple fractures to his nose and two broken teeth.

White pled guilty and was sentenced to four years. He did apologize in the end, but it was way too late.



GUILTY at TRIAL!

Congratulations to Assistant Prosecutors **Beth Aronson, John Green, Tom Kroll, Greta Johnson, Brian LoPrinzi, Greg Peacock, Justin Richard (2), Mike Rickett, Dustin Roth, Norm Schroth, Omar Siddiq, Maggie Tomaro (2), and Chad VanOrman** who obtained GUILTY verdicts at trials in August!