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Message from the Prosecutor



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On November 13, I had the pleasure of announcing the winners of my **2008 Safety Kids Calendar** contest. Local schoolchildren, their families, friends, and teachers were on hand at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls to honor these creative students for their talents and efforts.

This year, 1,250 students representing 22 different schools submitted entries for the contest. Forty-eight students were awarded for their posters featuring messages depicting my "12 Rules for Staying Safe." The winners received certificates and gift cards.

The first-prize winners in each category will be featured in our 2008 Safety Kids Calendar. The cover of the calendar will feature the artwork of our grand-prize winner, Yuself Filberg, a Hyre Middle School student. His poster has an anti-gang message: "It is so cool to say no to gangs."

My Office has been sponsoring the Safety Kids Calendar contest since 2001. Each year, students from all over Summit County submit posters that are then judged by a panel of community leaders.

Of the 48 winning posters, 20 were Hyre Middle School students. Six were first-place winners and one was the grand-prize winner. We also had 11 winners from St. Barnabas, three taking first-place honors. Six students from St. Hilary were honored as well, with one first-place winner. The other first-prize winners who will be featured in the calendar are from Goodyear Middle School and Our Lady of the Elms.

I am very excited about the level of participation this year, and the efforts of all the students, including the winners. It was a very competitive year and every student who participated deserves a big congratulation for their hard work.

I would also like to thank our judges and sponsors for helping us make this event a success.

Look for these winning posters around Summit County, courtesy of ClearChannel Outdoor, one of the sponsors that helps us spread positive messages about staying safe.

Tough Prosecution

On December 12, a jury convicted **Kevin C. Cadle**, 52, of Cincinnati, of Theft, a felony of the fifth degree. Cadle went to Home Depot in Cuyahoga Falls on July 28, 2006 with two accomplices. His accomplices took a bathroom vanity out of its box while Cadle served as the lookout. They then loaded the box with expensive tool sets, planning to pay the price for the vanity while making off with \$4,000 in tools. Cadle then pushed a cart containing the loaded vanity box toward the checkout. When he realized that loss prevention personnel were on to the scheme, Cadle abandoned the cart and left the store.



Prosecuting this case was challenging because the merchandise never actually left the store but surveillance video showed Cadle intended to deprive Home Depot of the tools. Cadle was sentenced by Judge Brenda Burnham Unruh to six months in prison. **Great job on this conviction, Assistant Prosecutor Brian Stano!**

2008 SAFETY KIDS CALENDAR WINNERS



Grand Prize Winner and cover of 2008 Calendar: **Say NO to gangs!**

Yusef Filberg, Hyre Middle School, 8th Grade

January: **Don't give in to peer pressure!**

Andrew Polack, Hyre Middle School, 8th Grade

February: **Don't do drugs!**

Evan Wentz, St. Barnabas, 8th Grade

March: **Don't use alcohol!**

Dakoda Parsell, Hyre Middle School, 8th Grade

April: **Never play with guns.**

James Mitchell, Goodyear Middle School, 8th Grade

May: **Don't smoke.**

Alexandra Rutledge, Hyre Middle School, 6th Grade

June: **Never give out personal information in chat rooms.**

Amanda Sollenberger, St. Hilary, 7th Grade

July: **Don't talk to or go with anyone you don't know.**

Chantel Howard, Hyre Middle School, 8th Grade

August: **Say NO to an unwanted touch.**

Dani Schillero, St. Barnabas, 7th Grade

September: **Never tell anyone you are home alone.**

Christina Steiner, St. Barnabas, 7th Grade

October: **Say NO to gangs.**

Najuree Finley, Hyre Middle School, 8th Grade

November: **Stop bullies in their tracks.**

Always tell an adult.

Cara Knopf, Our Lady of the Elms, 6th Grade

December: **Learn and use 911 if you or someone else is in danger.**

Tyffanie Fyock, Hyre Middle School, 8th Grade

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Top Cop



Detective Paul Sieferth
Akron Police Department and Northern Ohio
Fugitive Task Force

Nominated by: Assistant Prosecutor Greta Johnson

Last month, Defendant Terry Cradlebaugh failed to show up for sentencing on his 13th DUI. The Assistant Prosecutor handling the case, Greta Johnson, contacted **Paul Sieferth, Akron Police Detective** and officer of the **Northern Ohio Fugitive Task Force** to alert him to be on the lookout for Cradlebaugh. Within hours, Det. Sieferth located Cradlebaugh in his girlfriend's home, hiding in a closet under a pile of socks. Because of Det. Sieferth's amazing efforts, Cradlebaugh was immediately removed from the streets and taken to the Summit County Jail, where he wouldn't pose a threat to motorists or pedestrians. Cradlebaugh was arrested in July, less than three months after being released from a three-year prison sentence on a previous DUI. On November 28, Judge Shapiro sentenced him to six years in prison.

For this and his continued efforts to help the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, **Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh** chose Det. Sieferth as this month's Top Cop.

Paul Sieferth has been an Akron police officer for 15 years. He has been on the Fugitive Task Force for six years. In 2005, he located and arrested John Lockhart, a local attorney who was wanted for multiple counts of rape against a 4-month-old child. Sieferth worked with *America's Most Wanted* and the U.S. Marshalls to locate Lockhart in the Venice Beach area of California. Because Lockhart was apprehended, he eventually pled guilty to multiple counts of Rape, Pandering Obscenity, and Endangering Children. He is now serving a life term in prison.

Recently, Sieferth located a key witness in the prosecution of Dexter Harrison, another case being handled by Assistant Prosecutor Greta Johnson. Because this witness was located and cooperated with the State, Harrison was convicted of Aggravated Robbery with a gun specification and is now serving six years in prison.

Way to Go, Top Cop!

GUILTY!

*Congratulations to Assistant Prosecutors **Mike Carroll (2), Jay Cole (2), Greta Johnson, Margaret Kanellis, April Keller-Drumm, Brian LoPrinzi (4), Susan Manofsky, Angela Poth-Wypasek, Colleen Sims, Mike Todd, Margaret Tomaro, and Angela Walls-Alexander** who each had juries return GUILTY VERDICTS at trials in November!*

Meet Assistant Prosecutor Jennie Shuki

Position: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Hire date: April 2001

Home Town: Sagamore Hills, Ohio

Law Degree: Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Years experience: 9



Little Known Fact: During high school, I worked at the infamous Richfield Coliseum. Sadly, the Coliseum has since been demolished. For about 3 years, I worked in a restaurant up in the loge area that provided catering to loge clients. The coolest part of the job was being able to see all the concerts and events for free. When the circus was in town, for example, I often provided catering to the circus entertainers, clowns, tightrope-walkers, lion trainers, etc. I even got to help feed the elephants.

Most memorable case: My most memorable case was *State v. Jason Meyers*. Or should I say, cases. I first had Meyers back in 2004 for a Possession of Chemicals for the Manufacture of Methamphetamine, Aggravated Possession of Methamphetamine, and Having Weapons While Under Disability case. He was convicted and sentenced to prison. While in prison on that case, Meyers was required to provide a DNA sample. In 2006, Meyers' DNA sample was entered into CODIS, the Convicted Offender DNA Index System, and his DNA resulted in a "hit." Jason Meyers' DNA was matched to an unsolved stranger rape case from 2002. Based on this new evidence, Meyers was charged and convicted after a jury trial of Rape and Kidnapping in 2007. He is now serving an 18-year prison sentence. This case is most memorable to me because if it had not been for the prison term Meyers received in my 2004 case, his DNA would not have been entered into CODIS, and a cold case from 2002 may have never been solved.

Outrageous Crime of the Month



On July 23, 2007, 31-year-old Latricia Shealy was fatally stabbed by her ex-boyfriend and the father of her two-year-old child, Aaron Diamond, as she gave him a ride home. Shealy crashed the car into a utility pole on Winton Avenue and Diamond ran from the scene. The victim was found in the street, 50 feet from her car. Shealy went into cardiac arrest in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. The victim sustained a stab wound to the heart as well as wounds to her throat and chest and defensive wounds to her hands. Police found a kitchen knife in Shealy's car that was bent in half and covered in blood.

On the first day of trial, Diamond had to be removed from the courtroom because of his violent outburst while the autopsy photos were being shown. He began yelling and cursing and then, while counsel was at sidebar, he told those in the gallery that he had committed the murder. On the morning of November 29, Diamond pled guilty to **Aggravated Murder** and was sentenced to **20 years to Life**. **Assistant Prosecutor Angela Walls-Alexander** led this case. **Good job!**