

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Criminal Non-Support Case Six months in prison ordered

(February 15, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that on Thursday, February 14, Judge Brenda Unruh sentenced Marcus A. Sims to six months in prison for the crime of Nonsupport of Dependents to run concurrently with eight months on another sentence. At the time of sentencing, the defendant owed \$33,070.26 in child support arrears.

This criminal nonsupport case involves two children, born July 12, 1991 and September 6, 1995. The custodial parent and the defendant were never married. In 1995, the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) issued an administrative child support order in the amount of \$160.08 per month for one child. This order was modified, to include the defendant's second child, to \$116.41 per month per child, in 2002.

Sims continually failed to meet the financial obligation owed to his two children and, in February 2007, was charged with criminal non-support. In March 2007, he pled guilty to one count of nonsupport, a felony of the fifth degree and was sentenced to two years community control. Seven months later, Sims committed a violent offense and was charged in another case. This new offense was in violation of the terms and conditions of his community control. The Defendant pled guilty to the violation in January 2008 and was sentenced February 14 to eight months for that offense.

Also, on February 14, 2008, the Defendant was sentenced to six months in prison to run concurrently with the eight-month prison sentence rendered in the other criminal case.