

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Judge Sends Man to Prison for Non-Support of Children

(March 21, 2008, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Roland M. Williams, 28, of Andrus Street in Akron, Ohio, was sentenced by Judge Patricia Cosgrove to two years in prison for two counts of **Criminal Non-Support**, a felony of the fifth degree. At the time of sentencing, he owed \$36,678 in child support on two cases.

Williams has failed to pay child support to three children, ages 12, 10, and 6. In 2004, he was found in contempt on one case and served 10 days in jail. Williams continued to fail to meet his financial obligation to his children and was charged with Criminal Non-Support in 2006. In August 2006, he pled guilty to two counts of Non-Support. Williams was sentenced to two years of Community Control.

In July 2007, he pled guilty to violating the terms and conditions of his probation. Today he was sentenced by Judge Patricia Cosgrove to one year on each count, to run consecutively.