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## Donations to help Domestic Violence Victims

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office and South Range High School Senior Macenzee Gaal want to spread the word. Last year's donation drive was extremely successful; it brought in more than 3,000 donations! "So many people in our community are affected by domestic violence that we want to raise awareness and provide resources for victims," said Chief Assistant Prosecutor and Public Information Officer Gina DeGenova. According to Chief Assistant DeGenova, "we see the need for these items firsthand. Each day, our Victim-Witness Coordinators and members of our 'Violence Against Women Unit' work to protect the rights of domestic violence victims and ensure that their abusers are brought to justice." Sojourner House, a program of COMPASS Community and Family Services, Beatitude House, and Christina House, provide shelter and other essential services to victims of domestic violence across our region. Gaal expounded on how she wanted to help organize this drive for her community; "I try to give back to my community any way possible; this is just one way I can." Gaal explained why this donation drive is essential to her and the community, "I feel a lot of the same charities and organizations get most of the recognition when it comes to raising awareness. I strongly believe that there are other organizations that deserve just as much recognition, which is why I wanted to take on this project."

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# Donation Drive

We are specifically seeking the following items:

- Gift cards to grocery stores
- Twin sheets with pillow cases
- Standard-sized pillows
- Disposable diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes
- Undershirts (all infant sizes)
- Pull-ups, teething rings
- Bath towels and washcloths
- Socks of all sizes
- Personal hygiene products (all kinds)
- Ethnic hair care products
- Sleepwear (especially plus sizes for women)
- Paper products such as paper plates, toilet paper, and tissues
- Cleaning supplies such as bleach, dish soap, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, and glass cleaner.



# Donation Drive

## Community Outreach

Chief Assistant DeGenova, and Miss Gaal, attended a meeting held by the Kiwanis Club of Salem, Ohio, on September 15, 2022, to discuss this year's upcoming donation drive. As explained by Chief Assistant DeGenova and Miss Gaal, during the entire month of October, the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office, along with members of the South Range, Poland, and Salem High School Key Club programs, will be seeking donations of items to benefit area domestic violence programs offered by Sojourner House, Beatitude House, and Christina House. With Miss Gaal's assistance, we expanded this donation drive regionally with many area businesses, schools, and organizations serving as drop-off locations throughout Mahoning and Columbiana Counties.

## Donation Locations

- Poland High School 3199 Dobbins Rd, Poland, OH 44514
- Salem High School 1200 E 6th St, Salem, OH 44460
- South Range Local School District 11300 Columbiana-Canfield Rd Suite M, Canfield, OH 44406
- Canfield High School 100 Cardinal Dr, Canfield, OH 44406
- Compass 535 Marmion Ave; Youngstown, OH, 44502
- Beatitude House 238 Tod Lane Youngstown, OH, 44504
- Mahoning County Administration Building 21 W. Boardman Street, Youngstown, OH 44503
- Buckeye Hospice and Palliative Care 810 Boardman-Canfield Rd Suite 1, Boardman, OH 44512
- Cornerstone Caregiving 755 Boardman-Canfield Rd Suite K-4, Boardman, OH 44512
- Continuing Healthcare Solutions 100 Vista Dr. Lisbon, OH 44432
- Starbucks 4546 Boardman-Canfield Rd, Canfield, OH 44406
- Giant Eagle 525 E Main St, Canfield, OH 44406
- North Lima Nutrition 11995 South Ave, North Lima, OH 44452
- Columbiana Nutrition 18 S Main St, Columbiana, OH 44408
- Print Works 409 E 2nd St, Salem, OH 44460
- Mahoning County Courthouse 120 Market St, Youngstown, OH 44503



# OFFICE NEWS

## Community Outreach

### County courthouse re-dedication ceremony

This week we celebrated the accomplishments of those who have made improvements to one of the most historical buildings in Mahoning County. The Mahoning County Common Pleas Courthouse has stood tall for over 100 years and will continue to flourish after the recent re-dedication. Thanks to the Mahoning County Commissioners, the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office attorney Mark D'Apolito, and many more for helping this dream become a reality. The county also returned a time capsule to the corner of the courthouse that won't be opened for another 100 years to give those in the future a glimpse into the past.



### Senior Awareness event

We had a fantastic time helping spread the word about the wonderful resources that Mahoning County has to offer. Our office along with dozens of other organizations attended the Senior's Day Out event held at the Covelli Centre. There were interesting and insightful people of the Mahoning Valley who learned more about the resources available to them. Making time to spread the word about the county's Special Needs Registry is always a positive experience!



# OFFICE NEWS

## Community Outreach

### YSU Constitution Day

Constitution day honors 39 delegates who signed the document in 1787. Youngstown State University celebrated the day by having its Moot Court Team argue a constitutional issue in front of a distinguished panel of attorneys and judges, including Assistant Criminal Chief Ralph Rivera. The constitutional issues argued during the fake case included police searches using drones, and life sentences for juvenile's convicted of attempted murder.



Ralph Rivera  
Assistant Criminal Chief



# OFFICE NEWS

## Community Outreach

### Something to Crow About

Our office was able to celebrate the 171st Canfield Fair, this year we were in a new location, outside of the government building. We passed out information on our office, the criminal justice system, and our Special Needs Registry. We were able to connect with so many people and hand out some great information that will continue to help keep our county safe and informed. Thanks to all who made the time to orchestrate this amazing event year after year. We can't wait to see what is in store for next year!



# OFFICE NEWS

## New Appointment

We are pleased to announce the addition of a new employees this quarter. They are already making big impressions on our office!

Assistant Prosecutor Patrick Karaly has been a very welcome addition to our office. Assistant Prosecutor Karaly grew up in Youngstown, graduating from Cardinal Mooney High School. Assistant Prosecutor Karaly went to Youngstown State University for his undergraduate degree where he majored in industrial Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. He previously worked at Betran Kopp and Markota before being hired by the Prosecutor's Office.



## Announcement

This quarter the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office has also appointed Kacey Dickey as the Grand Jury Coordinator for our office. Ms. Dickey now works closely with the Grand jury Prosecutor Michael Yaccovone and the various law enforcement departments and courts in which the Grand Jury will preside. Since Ms. Dickey graduated from Ohio University with a B.A. in Sociology, Criminology and Political Science she's been apart of this office and is truly a dedicated and valued member of our team



Kacey Dickey  
Grand Jury Coordinator



# CRIMINAL DIVISION NEWS

## State v. Paris

28-year-old Ronald Paris pleaded guilty to the rape of a 1-year-old girl. The case was in the middle of trial before Paris decided to plead guilty to:

- Two counts of Harassment by bodily substance
- One count of intimidation
- One count of rape

Judge Anthony D'Apolito sentenced Paris to 18 years to life in the penitentiary for his crimes.



Jennifer McLaughlin  
Chief, Criminal Division



Kevin Day  
Assistant Prosecutor

## State v. Washington

The Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office announced that 20-year-old Adrienne Washington was sentenced to 8-10 1/2 years behind bars for causing a fatal crash that killed 24-year-old Darius Shackleford. Washington entered a guilty plea for two charges:

- Involuntary Manslaughter (Felony of the 1st degree)
- Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer (Felony of the 3rd degree)

In February of 2020, Adrienne Washington was driving north on Albert Street when he ran a red light. Before an officer could pull him over, he ran into Shackleford's vehicle. Shackleford died in the crash. Washington fled from the scene. He turned himself in a few days after police charged him.



Kevin Trapp  
Assistant Prosecutor



Robert J. Andrews  
Senior Trial Counsel



# CRIMINAL DIVISION NEWS

## State v. Knight

26-year-old Lavontae Knight was sentenced to 58 years to life behind bars for the murder of 38-year-old Trevice Dashawn Harris and shooting of Quanisha Bosworth.

In August, a jury found Knight guilty of several counts, including:

- Two counts of Aggravated Murder
- Two counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder (Felony of the 1st degree)
- Two counts of Aggravated Robbery (Felony of the 1st degree)
- Two counts of Kidnapping (Felony of the 1st degree)
- One count of Felonious assault (Felony of the 2nd degree)

On December 30, 2018, Knight killed 38-year-old Trevice Harris by shooting at him and his girlfriend, Quanisha Bosworth, in a vehicle on the Southside of Youngstown. Knight lured Bosworth and Harris to a home on Ferndale Avenue before kidnapping them at gunpoint. The survivor, Bosworth, explained that Knight and an unnamed accomplice forced Harris and Bosworth into a vehicle before killing Harris and injuring Bosworth. Bosworth then drove to a south side gas station where police and medical assistance helped the two. Unfortunately, Harris died on his way to the hospital. Soon after, Knight was arrested on aggravated murder and kidnapping charges.



Jennifer McLaughlin  
Chief, Criminal Division



Kevin Day  
Assistant Prosecutor



Michael Yacovone  
Grand Jury Prosecutor

## State v. Lambert

The Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office announced that 59-year-old Glenn Charles Lambert was sentenced to 16 years behind bars on Tuesday afternoon. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced Tuesday afternoon by the honorable Judge John Durkin.

Lambert was found guilty of 3 counts and will have several other conditions imposed:

- Two counts of Sexual Battery – Felony of the 2nd degree
- Gross Sexual Imposition – Felony of the 3rd degree
- Five years post-release control
- Will have to register as a Tier III sex offender

Lambert used predatory tactics to rape an 11-year-old and a 4-year-old girl. Lambert took custody of the children while their parents dealt with drug addiction. Lambert abused the children for two years. The parent of one of the victims said Lambert abused her trust when he agreed to watch the children so she could fight her addiction.



Jennifer McLaughlin  
Chief, Criminal Division



Caitlyn Andrews  
Assistant Prosecutor



## Helping to combat food deserts in Mahoning County

In 2021, the United States Congress allocated certain funds to communities across the United States through the American Rescue Plan Act to help build back communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including Mahoning County.

With the funds allocated to Mahoning County, many programs aimed at enhancing our county have been able to apply with the Mahoning County Commissioners to receive some of these funds. The Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office has been integral in helping ensure that specific legal requirements and benchmarks are met before any of these funds are allocated.



Each month, we will feature one of these fantastic programs and how they are assisting in making Mahoning County a better place. This month, we are featuring the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board and Flying High. Our office was able to

help secure ARPA funds for the Mental Health and Recovery Board (MHRB) to continue a project that was created to combat food deserts within the county and deliver fresh food to the elderly population as well as children.

MHRB and Flying High Inc. received one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175,000) to start the highly anticipated program. The monies will be geared toward serving the needs of local communities suffering from the lack of adequate, nutritious foods, improving childhood nutrition in and for our local communities that are disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and they will also provide job training and employment skills for youth and young adults participating in behavioral health programs.

We were honored to be a part of a program that will continue to bring nutritional aid to Mahoning County and the Mahoning Valley. The Mahoning Valley Campus of Care held a ribbon cutting of their new greenhouse space that will help combat food deserts around the county. The project will also help the Mobile Market program, owned and operated by Flying High. Several organizations came together to recognize the future home for the greenhouse project. Governor DeWine was in attendance for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and mentioned that this program is a



model for the rest of the state to follow. We want to thank Flying High, the State of Ohio, The Mahoning County Commissioners, The Mental Health and Recovery Board, and the hundreds of others that played an intricate part in making this program happen!

# NEWS AROUND TOWN

## TOWNSHIP CORNER

### Talking to Beaver Twp. Seniors

It was a pleasure speaking with the citizens of Beaver Township! Our office shared helpful information about potential elder fraud and our Special Needs Registry. Thank you to Beaver Township officials for setting up this monthly meeting and allowing our office to speak and participate.

