

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

IN RE: SHARDAI BURT,  
a minor child.

: Case No. 07 - 1751  
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: On Appeal from the Stark  
: County Court of Appeals  
: Fifth Appellate District  
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: C.A. Case No. 2006 CA 00328  
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF JURISDICTION  
OF APPELLANT SHARDAI BURT

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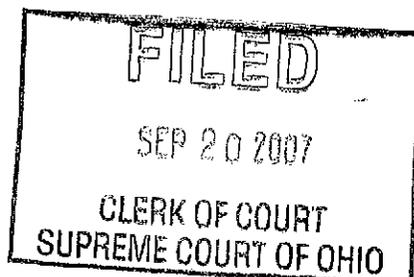


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## **EXPLANATION OF WHY THIS IS A CASE OF PUBLIC OR GREAT GENERAL INTEREST AND INVOLVES A SUBSTANTIAL CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION**

Generally there is not a great deal of sympathy or concern for a juvenile who violates the rules of probation. Indeed, he or she is being given a “second chance” by the court. But what if the alleged infraction, no matter how minor, was being treated as something more severe? What if the child’s underlying offense involved low-level misdemeanors and the infraction was leaving home without parental permission? Should that child be treated as having committed a new criminal offense, specifically a first-degree misdemeanor, for not checking in with parents?<sup>1</sup> That is what Stark County is doing.

Rather than charging juveniles with probation violations, Stark County has turned to R.C. 2152.02 and is charging what might qualify as unruly behavior as a “Violation of Prior Court Order.” (VOPCO). A VOPCO purports to be a new charge, carrying with it new penalties. The VOPCO may only stem from a status offense (i.e., staying out too late), but the dispositional orders may include any maximum sentence applicable to juveniles adjudicated delinquent. In this case, the trial court never ordered Ms. Burt to serve time at a detention center, whether immediately or suspended. Rather, the trial court ordered good behavior, mandatory school and mediation for the original charges. Subsequent to the VOPCO complaints, however, Ms. Burt ended up serving over 100 days in detention for disobeying house rules.<sup>2</sup>

The appellate decision in this case to equate a VOPCO to a contempt charge and then find the VOPCO appropriate (rather than a probation violation at most) is in conflict with other Ohio appellate courts. See, *State v. Smith*, 2002-Ohio-6710; 2002 Ohio App. LEXIS 6494 (The

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<sup>1</sup> The treatment of a VOPCO as a misdemeanor of the first degree is apparently “local custom.” R.C. 2152.02 contains no “M-1” designation.

<sup>2</sup> In the Juvenile-Appellant’s first case involving the delinquency finding, she was detained for at least 6 days. Later, in her 2006 VOPCO case, she was detained at least 86 days. In 2007, a VOPCO charge added an additional 8 days.

court's treatment of the alleged failure to attend counseling as contempt rather than a probation violation was error.); *In re Norwak* (1999), 133 Ohio App.3d 396, 398-99, 728 N.E.2d 411, 412-13 ("Further, in the prosecution of the violation of probation terms, the only remedy referred to under R.C. 2151.355 is that of a probation revocation."). This Court must address this disparate treatment among Ohio's juvenile courts.

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND FACTS

In 2003, Shardai Burt, age 13, was charged with delinquency as a result of committing the criminal offenses of obstructing official business, a misdemeanor of the second degree if committed by an adult in violation of R.C. 2921.31; and disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree if committed by an adult in violation of R.C. 2917.11(A). *In re Burt*, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2005 JCR 137265. Ms. Burt pleaded true to these allegations, and was adjudicated delinquent by the Stark County Juvenile Court. At disposition, the court ordered that she exhibit good behavior at home, school, and the community; to attend school; and to complete mediation. Ms. Burt was not placed on probation.

In October 2005, Ms. Burt was charged with "Violation of Prior Court Order" (VOPCO) (M-1), in violation of R.C. 2152.02(F)(2). *In re Burt*, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2005 JCR 139459. The complaint alleged that Ms. Burt was leaving home without permission, staying out all night, and that on one occasion she was missing for two days. On November 18, 2005, Ms. Burt pleaded true and was found to be delinquent.<sup>3</sup> This time the court placed her on probation, ordered 10 hours of community service, and counseling.

In September of 2006, another VOPCO complaint (M-1), was filed against Ms. Burt charging her with violation of a prior court order. R.C. 2152.02(F)(2). Specifically, Ms. Burt

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<sup>3</sup> Normally this behavior might be characterized as unruly and a status offense, not a delinquency charge.

was charged with leaving home without permission and staying away over a weekend. *In re Burt*, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2006 JCR 3114.

Prior to trial, Ms. Burt moved to dismiss the complaint on the ground that it did not allege a valid delinquency claim. Ms. Burt argued that a VOPCO allegation is not a delinquency charge provided by statute, and thus the court did not have jurisdiction to proceed. Additionally, Ms. Burt argued that the proper proceeding would have been to charge her with a probation violation and file a motion to revoke or modify the probation. At the pretrial hearing the Magistrate overruled Ms. Burt's motion to dismiss. Ms. Burt requested a trial.

Prior to trial, Ms. Burt filed objections to the Magistrate's decision and requested that the decision be set aside. The judge heard oral argument on October 10, 2006 and overruled the objections. At the trial, Ms. Burt pled true to the VOPCO without waiving her right to appeal the jurisdictional and constitutional issues. The magistrate imposed court placement and remanded Ms. Burt to detention until a group home could be found. Mandatory counseling and compliance with treatment recommendations was also ordered.

Ms. Burt filed another objection with the judge and stipulated to waiving oral argument. On October 27, 2006, the judge overruled Ms. Burt's objections.

On November 2, 2006, Ms. Burt filed the appropriate appeal documents in the Stark County Juvenile Court. In her brief, Ms. Burt raised the following issues:

- I. Whether the State's "Violation of Prior Court Order" charge for violating a term of probation, arising from a delinquency adjudication, violated the juvenile's Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment constitutional right to due process.
- II. Whether filing a new charge against a juvenile for "Violation of Prior Court Order," regardless of the original offense, is a violation of the juvenile's constitutional right to due process under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment.
- III. Whether juveniles charged with a "Violation of Prior Court Order" have been improperly charged in violation of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment Double Jeopardy Clause and Article 1 Section 10 of the Ohio Constitution.

IV. Whether failing to inform juveniles, at the original disposition, of the potential punishment for violating conditions of probation violates juveniles' Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment right to due process as well as Article 1 Section 10 of the Ohio Constitution.

V. Whether juveniles may be adjudicated delinquent under O.R.C. 2152.02(F)(2), as the statute is unconstitutional, improper, and void for vagueness, therefore violates juveniles' Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment right to due process.

On August 6, 2007, the Fifth District Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment of the trial court. It is from this decision that Ms. Burt brings her appeal.

## **ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITIONS OF LAW**

### **PROPOSITION OF LAW NO. I**

**The State's "Violation of Prior Court Order" charge violated the Ms. Burt's Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights to due process.**

In Stark County, "Violation of Prior Court Order" (hereinafter VOPCO) charges are filed for a variety of reasons. Indeed, VOPCOs are not simply filed in lieu of a probation violation. VOPCOs are filed for a variety of teenage behaviors such as arguing with a parent, leaving school early, leaving home without permission, etc.. The "hook" that the juvenile court has is that the child has appeared before the court before on a delinquency matter and a dispositional order exists. It is this prior dispositional order that is used, no matter how old, to turn what might ordinarily be unruly behavior into a VOPCO, a first-degree misdemeanor.

#### **A. The legislative intent for the VOPCO charge.**

Congress enacted the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJJPA) in an effort to create uniformity and minimum standards among the states.<sup>4</sup> Congress required states to comply with the JJJPA standards or otherwise risk losing the federal funding for the juvenile justice process. One such requirement is that status offenders not be detained. In an attempt to address status offenders who *consistently* ignore dispositions, the JJJPA created an exception to

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<sup>4</sup> See 42 U.S.C. 5601.

the rule that status offenders are not to be held in detention centers. This exception reads as follows: “juveniles who are charged with or who have committed an offense that would not be criminal if committed by an adult, *excluding – juveniles who are charged with or who have committed a violation of a valid court order*, shall not be placed in secure detention facilities or secure correctional facilities.”<sup>5</sup> The federal law was codified in Ohio in R.C. 2152.02.

The VOPCO charge was only intended for status offenders who refused to rehabilitate. In the case of *In re Trent* (1989), 43 Ohio St.3d 607, 539 N.E.2d 630 three Justices from this Court explained when VOPCOs may be appropriate. While this Court ultimately dismissed the case on procedural grounds, the dissenting opinion is instructive:

[b]efore...bootstrapping of status from unruly to delinquent occurs for violation of a court order, the following criteria should be met: (1) [t]he juvenile should be given sufficient notice to comply with the order and understand its provision; (2) violation of a court order must be egregious; (3) less restrictive alternatives must be considered and found to be ineffective; and (4) special confinement conditions should be arranged so that the status offender is not put with underage criminals.

*Id.* at 609.

Further, a recent federal congressional committee explained:

[t]he Committee would like to point out that it does not support the blanket use of the valid court order exception. We believe that the detention of status offenders in secure facilities should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and whenever possible the least restrictive alternative is preferable to the secure detention or confinement of status offenders.<sup>6</sup>

The VOPCO exception is to be used as a last resort for repeat status offenders only. In Stark County, however, past delinquents (who may not even be on probation) and status offenders alike are being charged with a VOPCO regardless of whether they are repeat offenders who

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<sup>5</sup> 42 U.S.C. 5633(a)(11)(A)(ii) emphasis added.

<sup>6</sup> H.R. Rep. No. 107-203, Sept. 10, 2001.

refuse to rehabilitate. Thus, in Stark County, a juvenile's case is never truly closed. See *In re Cox* (1973), 36 Ohio App. 2d 65, 301 N.E.2d 907 (While it is true the juvenile court can retain jurisdiction such a right is not without limitations.)

**B. Ms. Burt's case.**

In Ms. Burt's case, she was brought to the court initially on misdemeanor delinquency charges. While no probation was ordered, Ms. Burt's dispositional order stated that she was to attend school, be on good behavior and complete counseling. Two years later, when she later left home without permission, the first VOPCO was filed. A VOPCO was filed even though there was no prior status offense from which Ms. Burt refused to a rehabilitate or court order that she was repeatedly ignoring. It was at this point Ms. Burt was placed on probation.

Later, Ms. Burt was charged with a second VOPCO for leaving home without her mother's permission. After Ms. Burt's true plea, she was given court placement orders in her disposition. Ms. Burt was held in the detention center for months awaiting court placement from her most recent VOPCO charge. The time Ms. Burt spent in the detention center was in violation of her constitutional rights, as her VOCPO charges should have been status offenses or perhaps even a dependency case if problems existed in the home. Further, in order for Ms. Burt to be placed on probation, it must have been done during the disposition on her delinquency proceedings, not her first VOPCO. Regardless, filing the second VOPCO against Ms. Burt for an alleged probation violation was a violation of due process and contrary to law.

## PROPOSITION OF LAW NO. II

**Filing a new criminal charge against a juvenile for “violation of a prior court order,” regardless of the original offense, is a violation of the juvenile’s constitutional right to due process under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.**

**A. There is no legislative authority in Ohio for filing a VOPCO for a probation violation.**

The Ohio Revised Code does not contain a section authorizing the filing of a new charge for probation or community control violations. In Ohio, a complaint must contain notice of the charges and the section of the Ohio Revised Code authorizing the filing of the complaint. Juv. R. 10(B)(1); Crim. R. 3. A criminal charge for “violation of a prior court order” does not exist in the Ohio Revised Code. In Ms. Burt’s case, she was charged under 2152.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. This was improper as R.C. 2152.02 is a definitions section. Regardless, the State has created this VOPCO charge and determined, on its own accord, that the VOPCO will be considered a first-degree misdemeanor and punishable as any first degree misdemeanor in juvenile court. The Ohio Revised Code does not authorize a VOPCO criminal charge, nor does it state an offense level or potential disposition options.

In the present case, Ms. Burt was charged with a VOPCO in violation of R.C. 2152.02. As a definitions section, R.C. 2152.02 fails to state a criminal offense, offense level, elements of the offense, or potential disposition. Since R.C. 2152.02 is a definitions section, Ms. Burt was improperly charged in violation of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.

**B. A probation revocation hearing, not a VOPCO proceeding, was required in Ms. Burt’s case.**

When a juvenile violates probation, the proper hearing is a probation revocation hearing. Juvenile Rule 35 gives the courts authority to continue jurisdiction to handle violations after disposition. Juv. R. 35(A) states “the continuing jurisdiction of the court shall be invoked by

motion filed in the *original proceeding*, notice of which shall be served in the manner provided for the service of process.” *Id* (emphasis added). Due to the court’s need for continuing jurisdiction to enter judgments upon an adjudicated juvenile, a violation of probation cannot be a new charge, but a hearing upon a motion to continue jurisdiction pursuant to Juvenile Rule 35(A).

While Juvenile Rule 35(A) establishes that continuing jurisdiction must be induced upon a motion hearing, Juvenile Rule 35(B), titled “probation revocation,” specifies the appropriate procedure for probation violations. Juvenile Rule 35(B) states “[t]he court shall not revoke probation except after a hearing at which the child shall be present and apprised of the grounds on which revocation is proposed.” Therefore, a probation revocation hearing is the appropriate process through which to address alleged probation violations upon the filing of a motion.

Ms. Burt was accused of leaving home without her mother’s permission. That disobedience, at most, was a probation violation from her initial VOPCO. A second VOPCO charge, another first-degree misdemeanor, was improper.

**C. A VOPCO charge is not comparable to contempt.**

The appellate decision issued in Ms. Burt’s case spends a great deal of time comparing a VOPCO charge to contempt in adult court to justify Stark County’s practice. *In re Burt*, 2007-Ohio-4034; 2007 Ohio App. LEXIS 3649. This analogy does not fit where a probation revocation hearing was available, if needed, to address the minor infraction.

The Eleventh District Court of Appeals has determined that the use of contempt proceedings outside cases where there are journalized case plans (abuse, neglect and dependency cases) is improper. *In re Norwak* (1999), 133 Ohio App.3d. 396, 728 N.E.2d 411.

This Court finds no authority for the juvenile court to proceed in contempt when the issue is a probation violation allegation. R.C. 2151.412(E)(1) allows the court to proceed in contempt for

a violation of a journalized case plan. However, that section specifically applies only to the parties involved in cases of abuse, neglect or dependency, temporary or permanent custody, protective supervision, or long-term foster care.

Further, in the prosecution of the violation of probation terms, the only remedy referred to under R.C. 2131.355 is that of a probation revocation.

Id. at 398.

At the end of its contempt comparison, the Fifth District states that Ms. Burt was not prejudiced by the VOPCO proceeding as a probation revocation hearing would have netted the same disposition...placement in a group home. Actually, the VOPCO hearings have caused substantial harm to Ms. Burt. Now, rather than simply a second degree misdemeanor and a fourth degree misdemeanor on her record, Ms. Burt has two additional first degree misdemeanors. She is also in a group home facility removed from her family. This result is not due to the initial delinquency case where no probation was ordered. This result is due to the improper VOPCO charges brought by the State.

### CONCLUSION

In 2002, this Court held “[t]here is a clear difference between the role and power of the juvenile court in delinquency matters as opposed to matters involving abused or neglected children. The criminal aspects of juvenile delinquency proceedings require greater constraints on juvenile courts.” *In re Cross* (2002), 96 Ohio St.3d 328, 333, 774 N.E.2d 258, 262. Further, “the idealism that created juvenile courts must not be allowed to obscure the fact that a child adjudged delinquent is threatened with a substantial infringement of his liberty.” *Id.* Therefore, VOPCO charges must only be brought when status offenders, after being put on notice, repeatedly refuse to rehabilitate and the court needs delinquency disposition options. For these reasons, the trial court’s order finding Ms. Burt delinquent of VOPCO must be reversed.

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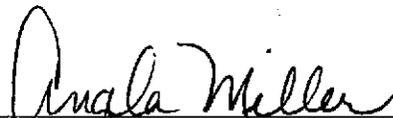
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Hon: John W. Wise, J.  
Hon: Patricia A. Delaney, J.

Case No. 2006-CA-00328

OPINION

CHARACTER OF PROCEEDING:

Civil appeal from the Stark County Court of  
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JUDGMENT:

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*Gwin, P.J.*

{¶1} Defendant-appellant Shardi Burt, a juvenile, appeals her adjudication in the Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, finding her delinquent on the charge of violating a prior court order. Plaintiff-appellee is the State of Ohio.

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

{¶2} In 2003, Shardai Burt, age 13 at the time, was charged with delinquency as a result of committing the criminal offenses of obstructing official business, a misdemeanor of the second degree if committed by an adult in violation of R.C. 2921.31, and disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree if committed by an adult in violation of R.C. 2917.11(A). [*In re Burt*, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2005 JCR 137265]. Appellant pleaded true to these allegations, and was adjudicated delinquent on each count by the Stark County Juvenile Court. Upon adjudicating her a delinquent child, the court ordered that appellant exhibit good behavior at home, school, and the community; to attend school (absent a medical excuse); and, to complete mediation (if not already completed).

{¶3} In October 2005, another juvenile complaint was filed against appellant, who had turned 14 by then, charging her with delinquency for violating a prior court order (VPCO), in violation of R.C. 2152.02(F)(2). [*In re Burt*, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2005 JCR 139459]. The complaint alleged that appellant had been leaving home without permission, staying out all night, and that on one occasion she left for school and did not return home until two days later, with her whereabouts being known. On November 18, 2005 Appellant pleaded true to this charge, and was found delinquent by the magistrate based upon her plea and admission. The

magistrate's disposition was approved by the trial judge. The disposition for the violation of the prior court order charge was community control; a curfew (home by 7:00 p.m. each night, unless accompanied by an adult), good behavior at home, school, and the community; mandatory school attendance (except for medical excuse); 10 hours of community service to be performed within 20 days; and, continued counseling at Quest.

{¶4} In September of 2006, another VPCO complaint was filed against appellant, charging her with violation of a prior court order in violation of R.C. 2152.02(F) (2) for violating the conditions of her probation. [*In re Burt*, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 2006 JCR 3114]. Appellant was specifically charged with leaving home without parental permission or with her probation officer's permission and staying away over the weekend. This complaint gives rise to the instant appeal.

{¶5} Prior to trial, appellant moved to dismiss the complaint on the ground that the complaint did not allege a valid delinquency claim. According to appellant, a VPCO allegation is not a delinquency charge provided by statute, and thus the court did not have jurisdiction to proceed. Appellant argued that the proper course of proceedings would have been to charge appellant with violation of her probation and to file a motion to revoke or modify her probation. The Magistrate took appellant's motion to dismiss under advisement (T. at 4). At the pretrial hearing, the Magistrate overruled appellant's motion to dismiss and appellant requested a court trial (T. at 7). In his ruling, Magistrate Nist specifically held:

{¶6} "Motion to dismiss is denied. Court believes ORC 2152.02(F) (2) permits the court to proceed with a violation of court order complaint. This court does not agree

with the reasoning set forth within the brief submitted by the juvenile. Court supports the state's position opposing the motion to dismiss."

{¶7} Prior to the court trial, appellant filed an objection to the Magistrate's decision with the assigned judge and requested the Magistrate's denial of the motion to dismiss be set aside. The judge heard oral argument on October 10, 2006 and overruled appellant's objection (T. at 44). At the court trial, appellant pled true to Violation of Prior Court Order without waiving her right to appeal the jurisdictional and constitutional issues. (T. at 47-49). The magistrate imposed court placement, remanding appellant to the Juvenile Attention Center for placement until a group home is available, with placement in the home to be immediate; mandatory counseling and compliance with all recommendations for treatment.

{¶8} Appellant filed another objection with the judge and stipulated to waiving oral argument, as the issues had already been argued before the judge. On October 27, 2006, the judge overruled appellant's objection. Ms. Burt filed her notice of appeal.

{¶9} It is from the trial court's denial of her motion to dismiss that appellant now appeals raising the following five assignments of error:

{¶10} "I. WHETHER THE STATE'S 'VIOLATION OF PRIOR COURT ORDER' CHARGE FOR VIOLATING A TERM OF PROBATION, ARISING FROM A DELINQUENCY ADJUDICATION, VIOLATED THE JUVENILE'S FIFTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS.

{¶11} "II. WHETHER FILING A NEW CHARGE AGAINST A JUVENILE FOR 'VIOLATION OF PRIOR COURT ORDER,' REGARDLESS OF THE ORIGINAL

OFFENSE, IS A VIOLATION OF THE JUVENILE'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS UNDER THE FIFTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT.

{¶12} "III. WHETHER JUVENILES CHARGED WITH A 'VIOLATION OF PRIOR COURT ORDER' HAVE BEEN IMPROPERLY CHARGED IN VIOLATION OF THE FIFTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT DOUBLE JEOPARDY CLAUSE AND ARTICLE 1 SECTION 10 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION.

{¶13} "IV. WHETHER FAILING TO INFORM JUVENILES, AT THE ORIGINAL DISPOSITION, OF THE POTENTIAL PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATING CONDITIONS OF PROBATION VIOLATES JUVENILES' FIFTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS AS WELL AS ARTICLE 1 SECTION 10 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION.

{¶14} "V. WHETHER JUVENILES MAY BE ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT UNDER O.R.C. 2152.02(F)(2), AS THE STATUTE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, IMPROPER, AND VOID FOR VAGUENESS, THEREFORE VIOLATES JUVENILES' FIFTH AND FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS."

I. & II.

{¶15} Because we find the issues raised in appellant's first and second assignments of error are closely related for ease of discussion we shall address the assignments of error together.

{¶16} In her first assignment of error appellant argues that charging a juvenile with being delinquent by reason of violating a prior court order is improper, especially if the basis of the violation would otherwise result in an unruly charge. Appellant contends

that an unruly charge is a status offense, i.e. an offense consisting of conduct that would not constitute an offense if engaged in by an adult.

{¶17} In her second assignment of error appellant argues that R.C. 2152.02(F) (2) which provides for delinquency adjudication for violation of a prior court order is only a definition section and thus any delinquency violation based upon that section violates due process. Appellant contends that the proper course of action is for the State to file a motion to revoke probation pursuant to Juv. R. 35.

{¶18} In Ohio, all crimes are statutory. *Municipal Court of Toledo v. State ex rel. Platter* (1933), 126 Ohio St. 103, 184 N.E. 1; *Eastman v. State* (1936), 131 Ohio St. 1, 1 N.E.2d 140, appeal dismissed 299 U.S. 505, 57 S.Ct. 21, 81 L.Ed. 374; *State v. Fremont Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose* (1949), 151 Ohio St. 19, 84 N.E.2d 498; *State v. Cimpritz* (1953), 158 Ohio St. 490, 492, 110 N.E.2d 416, 417-18. The elements necessary to constitute the crime must be gathered wholly from the statute and the crime must be described within the terms of the statute. *Davis v. State* (1876), 32 Ohio St. 24, 28 *State v. Cimpritz*, supra. Moreover, no act is a crime except an act done in violation of the express provisions of a statute or ordinance legally enacted. *Toledo Disposal Co. v. State* (1914), 89 Ohio St. 230, 106 N.E. 6.

{¶19} Defining crimes and fixing penalties are legislative, and not judicial, functions. *United States v. Evans* (1948), 333 U.S. 483, 486, 68 S.Ct. 634, 636. "[W]here Congress has exhibited clearly the purpose to proscribe conduct within its power to make criminal and has not altogether omitted provision for penalty, every reasonable presumption attaches to the proscription to require the courts to make it effective in accord with the evident purpose. This is as true of penalty provisions as it is

of others". *United States v. Brown* (1948), 333 U.S. 18, 68 S.Ct. 376; *United States v. Evans*, supra 333 U.S. at 486, 68 S.Ct. at 636.

{¶20} R.C. 2152.02 provides in relevant part:

{¶21} "(F) 'Delinquent child' includes any of the following:

{¶22} "(1) Any child, except a juvenile traffic offender, who violates any law of this state or the United States, or any ordinance of a political subdivision of the state, that would be an offense if committed by an adult;

{¶23} "(2) Any child who violates any lawful order of the court made under this chapter or under Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code other than an order issued under section 2151.87 of the Revised Code;

{¶24} "(3) Any child who violates division (C) of section 2907.39 or division (A) of section 2923.211 or division (C) (1) or (D) of section 2925.55 of the Revised Code;

{¶25} "(4) Any child who is a habitual truant and who previously has been adjudicated an unruly child for being a habitual truant;

{¶26} "(5) Any child who is a chronic truant".

{¶27} Juv. R. 2 (I) provides "'Delinquent child' has the same meaning as in section 2152.02 of the Revised Code."

{¶28} In the case at bar, appellant was charged with violating a prior court order pursuant to R.C. 2152.02(F) (2). In the adult context, violation of a court order is treated as contempt of court. R.C. 2705.02 states in relevant part:

{¶29} "A person guilty of any of the following acts may be punished as for a contempt:

{¶30} "(A) Disobedience of, or resistance to, a lawful writ, process, order, rule, judgment, or command of a court or officer..."

{¶31} In order to be found guilty of contempt it must be shown that the alleged contemtor had actual notice of the court's order and that the alleged contemtor intended to defy the court. *Midland Steel Products Co. v. U.A.W. Local 486* (1991), 61 Ohio St.3d 121, 127, 573 N.E.2d 98, 103. In its simplest terms, contempt of court is disobedience of an order of a court. Sentences for criminal contempt are punitive in nature and are designed to vindicate the authority of the court. Accordingly it is the doing of the act which he has been commanded not to do that the contemtor is punished, not the act itself. In the case at bar, the juvenile was not simply disobeying her parent, custodian or guardian by running away from home; rather her actions were a direct affront to the juvenile court's previous orders.

{¶32} In the case at bar, R.C. 2152.02(F) (2) defines a delinquent child as a child who disobeys a court order. Accordingly, the elements of the offense are the same as for contempt pursuant to R.C. 2705.02, i.e., actual notice of the order and intent to defy the order. The penalties for a violation of R.C. 2152.02(F) (2) are the dispositions available for delinquent children pursuant to R.C. 2152.19. The dispositions for a delinquent-misdemeanant and an unruly child are similar. See, R.C. 2152.19 and R.C. 2151.354. We would further note that a court of common pleas has inherent power to punish a contemptuous refusal to comply with its order by imposing appropriate sanctions without regard to any statutory grant of such power. *Harris v. Harris* (1979), 58 Ohio St.2d 303, 307, 390 N.E.2d 789, 792; *In re Cox* (Nov. 8, 1993),

5<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. CA-9238. In other words a juvenile court has the inherent power to punish a juvenile for disobedience of its lawful orders without regard to R.C. 2152.02.

{¶33} Accordingly, appellant's contention that R.C. 2152.02 is insufficient to charge an offense is rejected. However, the real issue raised by appellant is whether the juvenile court can punish a violation of a condition of probation as a violation of a prior court order.

{¶34} Again, using contempt of court as an analogy, "Ohio appellate courts appear to have divided on the issue. Some courts have assumed that probation revocation proceedings are the sole remedy. See, e.g., *State v. Smith*, Mahoning App. No. 01 CA 187, 2002-Ohio-6710 ("The municipal court treated Smith's alleged failure to attend the counseling sessions as an act of contempt rather than a violation of probation. This was an error by the trial court."); *City of Shaker Heights v. Hairston* (Dec. 10, 1998), Cuyahoga App. No. 74435. Other courts have assumed that contempt proceedings could be used in such cases. See, e.g. *State v. Daugherty* (2006), 165 Ohio App.3d 115, 2006-Ohio-240, 844 N.E.2d 1236 ("While Daugherty claims that the appropriate course of action for the court was to consider revocation of probation under Crim.R. 32.3, we do not understand him to argue that this was the only course open to the court. In other words, indirect contempt proceedings, if conducted properly, may have been appropriate."); *State v. Deeds* (Apr. 30, 1998), Coshocton App. No. 97 CA 21". *State v. Patton*, 10<sup>th</sup> Dist. No. 06AP-665, 2007-Ohio-1296 at ¶ 11.

{¶35} Jurisdictions other than Ohio that have considered this issue "have come to three different conclusions. If a defendant violates a condition of his probation, Illinois case law states that he may be charged with contempt of court. *People v. Boucher*, 179

*Ill.App.3d* 832, 834, 128 *Ill.Dec.* 842, 844, 535 *N.E.2d* 56, 58 (1989); *People v. Patrick*, 83 *Ill.App.3d* 951, 953, 39 *Ill.Dec.* 451, 453, 404 *N.E.2d* 1042, 1044 (1980); *People v. Cook*, 53 *Ill.App.2d* 454, 202 *N.E.2d* 674, 675 (1964). An explanation for this rule may be that prior to 1963, the effective date of Illinois' current Code of Criminal Procedure, 'contempt of court was the only sanction permissible' for violations of conditions of probation. *Patrick*, 39 *Ill.Dec.* at 453, 404 *N.E.2d* at 1044. Maryland case law is directly in opposition to that of Illinois. In Maryland the defendant can be charged only with violation of his probation order, not contempt. *Williams v. State*, 72 Md.App. 233, 528 A.2d 507, 508 (1987). Tennessee has taken a middle ground, allowing the sentencing judge to choose either punishment, *State v. Williamson*, 619 S.W.2d 145, 147 (Tenn.Crim.App.1981), and Alaska allows a court to use its contempt power in such a situation only if the defendant had notice, prior to violating the probation condition, that such a violation could result in a contempt of court charge. *Alfred v. State*, 758 P.2d 130, 132 (Alaska Ct.App.1988).

{¶36} "In *Williams [v. State]*, the Maryland court reviewed Maryland authority stating the foundations for the probation order and then explained:

{¶37} "[w]hen a probationer violates a condition of his probation, he is not subject to an additional punishment for that violation; but rather to the forfeiture of his conditional exemption from punishment for the original crime. Because probation involves a conditional exemption from punishment, rather than a part of the penalty, a court may condition probation upon acts or omissions which it otherwise lacks the authority to impose. [528 A.2d at 508; footnote and citations omitted]". *State v. Williams* (1989), 234 N.J. Super. 84, 92, 560 A.2d 100, 104.

{¶38} In *State v. Williams*, supra, the court drew “a distinction between an order directed to a defendant or another to do or refrain from doing a particular act (the violation of which could be the basis of a contempt of court citation by a judge or indictment by a grand jury), and a conditional order which either states the ramifications of its violation or has such consequences established by law. This distinction was recognized in an analogous bail-bond case. In *United States v. Hall*, 198 F.2d 726 (2d Cir.1952), cert. den. 345 U.S. 905, 73 S.Ct. 641, 97 L.Ed. 1341 (1953), the defendant was charged with criminal contempt of court for being outside the jurisdiction of the court, and for violating an order requiring him to surrender. The court ruled that the defendant could not be held in contempt for violating the order to remain in the jurisdiction (a condition of the bond which provided its own remedy), but could be held in contempt for not surrendering. 198 F.2d at 731.

{¶39} “Contempt of court should not be superimposed as an additional remedy in a probation violation setting if the act that occasions the violation itself is not otherwise criminal”. *Williams* supra, 234 N.J. Super. at 91 560 A.2d at 103-104.

{¶40} We agree that the more logical approach is that the courts should not use the inherent contempt power to punish a violation of a condition of probation that would not otherwise constitute an offense. We do not believe that when the Legislature expressly provided that the sanction for a violation of probation (other than for the inherent criminality of the act) would be a revocation of probation, it intended that a defendant would be subject to a new indictment for contempt in addition to the punishment for the original offense. That being said, we must now recognize that a

debate has arisen among the courts as to whether that principal should be applied in the context of a juvenile proceeding.

{¶41} The Supreme Court of Kentucky has noted:

{¶42} "The Juvenile Code simply does not allow a court to give up on the rehabilitation of a juvenile who refuses to perform the terms of probation. Thus, the contempt power exists for the purpose of compelling the juvenile to comply with the court's orders and to enable the court to help the juvenile become a productive citizen. 'KRS Chapter 635 shall be interpreted to promote the best interests of the child through providing treatment and sanctions to reduce recidivism and assist in making the child a productive citizen....' KRS 600.010(2) (e). Nor can it be said that the imposition of contempt sanctions for violations of specific conditions of probation, violates the Appellant's due process rights of fair treatment and/or double jeopardy. See, *Butts v. Commonwealth*, 953 S.W.2d 943 (Ky.1997), and *Commonwealth v. Burge*, 947 S.W.2d 805 (Ky.1997)". *A.W. v. Kentucky* (2005), 163 S.W.3d 4, 6-7. See, also *G.S. v. State*(Fla.Dist.Ct.App.1998), 709 So.2d 122, 123 (denying habeas petition and holding that courts have the authority to issue a contempt sanction against a juvenile for violating a community control order); *In the Interest of Doe* (2001), 96 *Hawaii* 73, 26 P.3d 562, 571 (affirming adjudication of delinquency for criminal contempt where chronic truancy had placed the juvenile under protective supervision and juvenile subsequently violated conditions of court order of supervision); *State ex rel. L.E.A. v. Hammergren* (Minn.1980), 294 *N.W.2d* 705, 707-08 (affirming dismissal of habeas petition, recognizing juvenile court's authority to find a juvenile in contempt of court, but cautioning that status offender normally should be placed in a shelter care facility, and

only egregious circumstances warranted confinement of status offender in secure detention facility).

{¶43} The Court of Appeals for the Eleventh District has taken the opposite approach:

{¶44} "This court finds no authority for the juvenile court to proceed in contempt when the issue is a probation violation allegation. R.C. 2151.412 (E) (1) allows the court to proceed in contempt for a violation of a journalized case plan. However, that section specifically applies only to the parties involved in cases of abuse, neglect or dependency, temporary or permanent custody, protective supervision, or long-term foster care.

{¶45} "Further, in the prosecution of the violation of probation terms, the only remedy referred to under R.C. 2151.355 is that of a probation revocation". *In re Norwalk* (1999), 133 Ohio App.3d 396, 398-99, 728 N.E.2d 411, 412-13. (Footnotes omitted). See, also, *A.W. v. Kentucky*, supra 163 S.W.3d at 7 -11. (Cooper, J. dissenting). ["a trial court's contempt powers should be narrowly defined and employed only when no other remedy is available..."].

{¶46} Unquestionably, the preferred method for dealing with actions such as those taken by appellant would be the institution of revocation proceedings. However, in the unique context of delinquency dispositions, the dispositions available to the juvenile court would be the same when, as in the case at bar, the juvenile is originally adjudicated as a delinquent child. However, we agree with the concern expressed by the Tenth Appellate District: "[w]e emphasize that the use of contempt proceedings is not without limitations, and thus should be used sparingly in situations where probation

revocation or other sentencing provisions are available. In particular, we would closely consider any situation in which it appeared that a trial court was using contempt proceedings in an attempt to increase the maximum period of incarceration applicable for the offense in the underlying case. However, since in this case, the 30-days imposed for contempt is less than the maximum penalty of 90-days to which appellant could be sentenced for his underlying offense, that issue is not before us. Nor do we address the issue of whether any time served on a contempt citation in this situation would act to reduce the amount of time that could be imposed on the underlying sentence". *State v. Patton*, supra 2007-Ohio-1296 at ¶ 15.

{¶47} The issue of whether the juvenile court was using the violation of a prior court order proceedings in an attempt to increase the maximum period of incarceration applicable for the offense in the underlying case is not an issue before us in the case at bar. Nor do we address the issue of whether any time served on a violation of a prior court order citation in this situation would act to reduce the amount of time that could be imposed on the underlying sentence. In the case at bar, appellant was subject to the same dispositional alternatives whether the action was filed as a revocation of probation or as a violation of a prior court order. Detention was permissible because either charge was classified as a delinquency, not as a status offense.

{¶48} Because delinquency proceedings are fundamentally different from adult criminal proceedings, not all constitutional protections afforded to adult criminals have been extended to juveniles. *Schall v. Martin* (1984), 467 U.S. 253, 263, 104 S.Ct. 2403, 2409. Because a juvenile has a liberty interest in freedom from institutional restraints, the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution,

applicable to the several states pursuant to the Fourteenth Amendment thereto, is applicable to juvenile detention proceedings. *Schall*, 467 U.S. at 263, 104 S.Ct. at 2409; *In re Gault* (1967), 387 U.S. 1, 13-14, 87 S.Ct. 1428, 1436-37. Pretrial detainment of juveniles is thus measured by the "fundamental fairness" due process standard established in *In re Gault*, 387 U.S. at 29-30, 87 S.Ct. at 1444-45, and *In re Winship*(1970), 397 U.S. 358, 365-68, 90 S.Ct. 1068, 1073-75. *Schall*, 467 U.S. at 263, 104 S.Ct. at 2409. Decisions articulating due process standards for evaluating the circumstances wherein a juvenile may be detained have sought to accommodate the goals and philosophies of the juvenile system within the due process framework of fundamental fairness.

{¶49} The conclusion that liberty interests possessed by juveniles are not fundamental rights is based in part on the fact that unlike an adult, a juvenile is always subject to some measure of custodial supervision. *Flores*, 507 U.S. at 292, 301- 303, 113 S.Ct. at 1447-48; *Schall*, 467 U.S. at 265, 104 S.Ct. at 2410. Juveniles "are assumed to be subject to the control of their parents, and if parental control falters, the State must play its part as *parens patriae*." *Schall*, 467 U.S. at 265, 104 S.Ct. at 2410; see *New Jersey v. T.L.O.* (1985), 469 U.S. 325, 336, 105 S.Ct. 733, 739-40. In addition, juveniles are not assumed to have the capacity to provide independently for themselves. *Schall*, 467 U.S. at 265, 104 S.Ct. at 2410; see *Flores*, 507 U.S. at 301-303, 113 S.Ct. at 1447-48.

{¶50} In the case at bar, appellant, prior to entering her admission to the charge, was never remanded to the detention center as a result of any dispositional order of the juvenile court. Rather, any detention of appellant was pre-adjudicatory and pre-

dispositional. We note that the juvenile court conducted a detention hearing in accordance with Juv. R. 7 on September 19, 2006. At that time the juvenile court remanded appellant to the juvenile attention center pending a pre-trial hearing scheduled for October 4, 2006. The juvenile court found pursuant to Juv. R. 7 (A) (2) and (3) that detention of appellant was necessary because she may abscond and further that appellant had no parent, guardian, custodian, or other person able to provide supervision and care for her and to return her to court when required. The trial court continued the detention after the pre-trial hearing finding that detention was necessary to protect the appellant and because she may abscond. (Magistrates Order, October 4, 2006). Trial was scheduled for October 11, 2006. On that date appellant entered an admission to the charge.

{¶51} In the case at bar, it does not appear that the appellant filed a motion for release pursuant to Juv. R. 7(G) alleging that she had been held in excess of ninety days in violation of R.C. 2151.34 at any time prior to entering her admission to the charge. The juvenile court specifically noted that it would review the detention order if appellant's circumstances were to change. (T. at 6). At all times, appellant was represented by appointed counsel. Appellant was notified in writing of the conduct that was alleged to be in violation of the prior court order by the complaint filed September 18, 2006. (T. at 10). The juvenile court informed appellant of her right to a trial in which the State would have to prove the allegations beyond a reasonable doubt. (T. at 11). The court further explained to appellant her right to remain silent or to testify; to subpoena witnesses; and to cross-examination of the State's witnesses. (Id.). The juvenile court further explained the possible dispositions should appellant admit the

violation or be found guilty after trial. (Id.). Accordingly, appellant's due process rights were not violated.

{¶52} Appellant's main disagreement with the use of delinquency adjudication for violation of a prior court order concerns the balance between the legislative policy of discouraging the incarceration of status offenders and the assurance of sufficient authority for courts to enforce orders. This view was espoused by Justices Sweeney, Wright and Herbert R. Brown in a case that the Ohio Supreme Court declined to decide:

{¶53} "Court orders should not be ignored with impunity by children, and violation of a court order may be the basis for a finding of delinquency. R.C. 2151.02(B). However, the contempt powers of a court should not be invoked quickly in this context and a status offender who has departed a shelter on one occasion should not be given the 'taint' of criminality and adjudicated or treated as a juvenile delinquent. Under R.C. 2151.354 an unruly child may be left in the status of an unruly child but treated as a delinquent and incarcerated in a detention facility because of failure of 'treatment or rehabilitation'... Before such a detention placement of an unruly child or the bootstrapping of status from unruly to delinquent occurs for violation of a court order, the following criteria should be met:

{¶54} "(1) The juvenile should be given sufficient notice to comply with the order and understand its provision;

{¶55} "(2) violation of a court order must be egregious;

{¶56} "(3) less restrictive alternatives must be considered and found to be ineffective; and

{¶57} “(4) special confinement conditions should be arranged so that the status offender is not put with underage criminals. See Juv.R. 7(H) and *In Interest of D.L.D.* (1983), 110 Wis.2d 168, 182, 327 N.W.2d 682, 689”. *In re Trent* (1989), 43 Ohio St.3d 607, 609, 539 N.E.2d 630, 639.

{¶58} In the case at bar, it must first be observed that appellant was initially detained on the basis of allegations that she committed the offenses of obstructing official business, a misdemeanor of the second degree if committed by an adult and disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree if committed by an adult. These offenses are not status offenses. To the extent the juvenile’s analysis is focused exclusively on the assumption that appellant was detained on the basis of an alleged status offense, the analysis is fundamentally flawed. Had the State pursued a motion to revoke probation as appellant suggests was the proper course of action, the sentence imposed on appellant would be as a reinstatement of her original sentence as punishment for the offenses of obstructing official business and disorderly conduct –not for running away from home. An initial sentence of probation is deemed to be conditional and not final. *In re Kelly* (Nov. 7, 1995), Franklin App. No. 95-APF05-613. (Citations omitted). Thus, where probation is conditioned on certain terms, the sentence can be modified for noncompliance with those terms. *Id.* Upon revocation of probation a court may impose any sentence that it could have originally imposed. *In re Herring* (July 10, 1996), Summit App. No. 17553; *In the Matter of: Cordale R.* (Jan. 10, 1997), Erie App. No. E-96-019. In the case at bar, upon revocation of appellant’s probation the juvenile court would be free to impose any of the dispositions available for a delinquent-misdemeanant pursuant to R.C. 2152.19. Having previously been adjudicated as a

delinquent child at the original adjudicatory hearing, the subsequent adjudication for violation of a prior court order did not transform a status offender into a delinquent. The legislative policy, and the related procedures, to discourage incarceration of status offenders are not invoked with delinquent juveniles. The legislature intended to treat status offenders differently than delinquents. The legislature's intent was demonstrated by requiring application of distinct criteria before a status offender may be incarcerated. Appellant is not a status offender, and thus does not fall within the legislative concerns regarding the dispositions available for status offenders codified in R.C. 2151.354.

{¶59} Accordingly, appellant's first and second assignments of error are overruled.

### III.

{¶60} In her third assignment of error appellant claims that the trial court's actions in prosecuting her for violating a prior court order constitute multiple punishments in violation of his right to freedom from double jeopardy under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Section 16, Article I, of the Ohio Constitution.

{¶61} Application of the Double Jeopardy Clause depends upon the legitimacy of a defendant's expectation of finality in the judgment. *In re Kelly* (Nov. 7, 1995), Franklin App. No. 95APF05-613. In the instant case, as in *Kelly*, appellant did not have a legitimate expectation that her sentence of community control sanctions was complete at the time the court prosecuted the second violation of a prior court order charge because her sentence placing her under community control sanctions was conditioned

upon his compliance with the terms and conditions of the community control sanctions and the orders of the court.

{¶62} In addressing the authority of a court to commit a juvenile to DYS for a probation violation, it has been held that a court may properly commit a delinquent minor to DYS for a probation violation, even though the minor was originally given only probation and a suspended commitment was not imposed at the time of the initial disposition. *In re Herring* (July 10, 1996), Summit App. No. 17553 at 4-5. Further, committing a juvenile to a detention center after a probation violation does not punish that juvenile twice for the same offense. *In re Kelly*, supra, at 11-12. A violation of a prior court order is a separate and distinct act for which punishment can be imposed. Such punishment does not constitute multiple punishments for the same offense.

{¶63} Appellant's third assignment of error is overruled.

#### IV.

{¶64} The appellant's contention in her fourth assignment of error that her due process rights were violated because the juvenile court failed to inform her at the time of her original disposition of the consequences of a violation of court's order is not properly before this court. Appellant has failed to provide a transcript of the original dispositional hearing and the 2005 dispositional hearing for appellant's first violation of a prior court order charge. "The duty to provide a transcript for appellate review falls upon the appellant. This is necessarily so because an appellant bears the burden of showing error by reference to matters in the record." *Knapp v. Edwards Laboratories* (1980), 61 Ohio St.2d 197, 199, citing *State v. Skaggs* (1978), 53 Ohio St.2d 162, 163. This requirement is set forth in App.R. 9(B), which provides, in pertinent part, as follows: "\*\*\*\*

the appellant shall in writing order from the reporter a complete transcript or a transcript of such parts of the proceedings not already on file as he deems necessary for inclusion in the record \* \* \*." Further, "[w]hen portions of the transcript necessary for resolution of assigned errors are omitted from the record, the reviewing court has nothing to pass upon and thus, as to those assigned errors, the court has no choice but to presume the validity of the lower court's proceedings, and affirm." *Knapp* at 199.

{¶65} In the case sub judice, appellant did not meet her burden, under App.R. 9(B), and supply this Court with a transcripts of the proceedings from her original admission and the original disposition. Nor were transcripts provided from the 2005 adjudication for appellant's first violation of a prior court order charge. If such transcripts were unavailable other options were available to appellant in order to supply this Court with a transcript for purposes of review. Specifically, under App.R. 9(C), appellant could have submitted a narrative transcript of the proceedings, subject to objections from appellee and approval from the trial court. Also, under App.R. 9(D), the parties could have submitted an agreed statement of the case in lieu of the record. The record in this matter indicates appellant did not attempt to avail herself of either App.R. 9(C) or 9(D).

{¶66} We further note that appellant was previously charged with violation of a prior court order on October 24, 2005 and plead true to that charge on November 18, 2005. Appellant did not appeal this sentence, which she could have, and challenged the trial court's failure to inform her of the potential punishment for violating the terms of her probation or of any of the court's orders. The filing of a timely notice of appeal is a prerequisite to establishing jurisdiction in a court of appeals. Therefore, while in the

general sense, this court has jurisdiction to hear appeals in juvenile cases, that jurisdiction must be invoked by the timely filing of a notice of appeal. The failure to file a timely notice of appeal is a jurisdictional requirement that cannot be ignored. *State v. Alexander*, 10<sup>th</sup> Dist. Nos. 05AP-129, 05AP-245, 2005-Ohio-5997 at ¶17.

{¶67} Having previously been adjudicated a delinquent for violating a prior court order the appellant was keenly aware that her disregard for the terms of her probation or any court order would result in additional sanctions.

{¶68} Finally we would note that failure of the trial court to notify an offender of the potential prison sentence that may be imposed for a violation of community control sanctions only prohibits the court from sentencing the offender to prison; it does not prohibit the trial court from any other dispositional alternative in response to a defendant's violation of the terms of his or her community control sanctions. In the case at bar, appellant was not remanded to a term of detention in either the juvenile attention center or the Department of Youth Services.

{¶69} Accordingly, appellant's fourth assignment of error is overruled.

V.

{¶70} Appellant's argument in her fifth assignment of error that R.C. 2152.02 is void for vagueness must also fail. It is not unreasonable to expect persons of ordinary intelligence to realize that disobedience of an order of the court will result in sanctions. As we have noted the State must prove that the individual had actual notice of the court's order, and further that the individual intended to defy the order. Criminal contempt must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. *Brown v. Executive 200, Inc.* (1980), 64 Ohio St.2d 250, 416 N.E.2d 610 at syllabus. No where does the record

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reflect that appellant ever raised the defense that she did not know about the court's orders or that she was required to abide by the orders. The filing of a timely notice of appeal is a prerequisite to establishing jurisdiction in a court of appeals. Therefore, while in the general sense, this court has jurisdiction to hear appeals in juvenile cases, that jurisdiction must be invoked by the timely filing of a notice of appeal. The failure to file a timely notice of appeal is a jurisdictional requirement that cannot be ignored. *State v. Alexander*, 10<sup>th</sup> Dist. Nos. 05AP-129, 05AP-245, 2005-Ohio-5997 at ¶17.

{¶71} No appeal having been taken by appellant from the original delinquency adjudication and disposition or the prior adjudication for violation of a prior court order, appellant can not now challenge the juvenile court's orders in those respective cases. *Boggs v. Boggs* (1997), 118 Ohio App.3d 293, 692 N.E.2d 674.

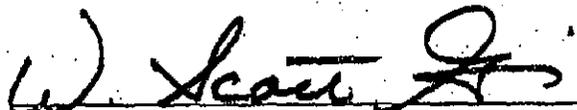
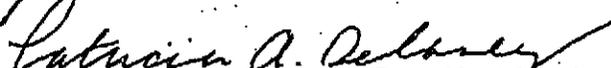
{¶72} Accordingly, appellant's fifth assignment of error is overruled.

{¶73} The judgment of the Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, is affirmed.

By Gwin, P.J.,

Wise, J., and

Delaney, J., concur

  
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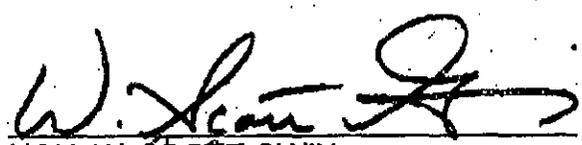
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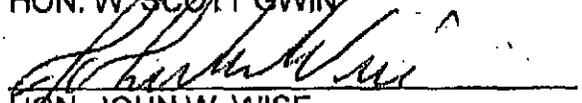
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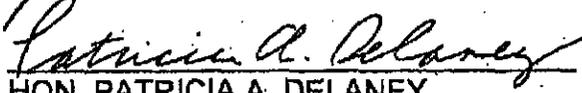
For the reasons stated in our accompanying Memorandum-Opinion, the judgment of the Stark County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, is affirmed. Costs to appellant.



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