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Career Criminal with 21 Aliases Sought by Authorities

Suspect is a dubious member of City Attorney's list of habitual offenders

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that a suspect heading into her fifth decade of criminal activity is the latest target of his “Fugitive of the Week” program. Rebecca Joyce White—who may use twenty or more aliases, nine dates of birth, and three different social security numbers—is believed to be 56-years-old and currently is wanted on three outstanding warrants for theft.

White’s extensive criminal record includes well over a dozen prior theft charges, placing her on the City Attorney’s list of “Serial Thieves.”

“Shoplifting is a pervasive crime made even more troublesome by repeat offenders such as Ms. White,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

White appears to have been targeting stores at Eastland Mall, as her arrest warrants stem from three separate incidents at the eastside shopping center. She is accused of stealing: eight sweaters and ten pairs of jeans valued at over \$400 from JC Penney; five denim shorts, three capri pants, and three tops valued at \$408 from Sears; twelve tops, two pairs of jeans, and one dress valued at \$834.54 from Macy’s. While being detained at one point, White reportedly claimed she steals clothes to sell to “Marvin” to pay for her drug addiction. She also may appear to show remorse when caught shoplifting and may allude to “grandchildren” and other family members she allegedly supports.

“I haven’t come across a whole lot of upstanding citizens who use 20 or more aliases in their daily lives,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “I’m sure individuals such as Ms. White have perfected their cover stories to elicit sympathy whenever they’re caught red-handed.”

Dating back to the early 1970s, White’s criminal history includes multiple convictions for larceny, forgery, grand theft, breaking and entering, and felony theft. She also has been charged with assault, aggravated robbery, prostitution, resisting arrest, and felony drug abuse in the past.

Anyone with information on Rebecca Joyce White, who may have an accomplice driving a white Chevrolet van as their getaway vehicle, is asked to contact Bill Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov. Hedrick leads the fugitive apprehension program and maintains the “Serial Thief” list on behalf of City Attorney Pfeiffer.

Per state law, the City Attorney’s office prosecutes misdemeanor crimes, not felonies.

WANTED



REBECCA JOYCE WHITE

AKA:

Joyce Beck, Debbie Brown, Debby Brown, Gloria Roddy, Corletha Smith, Corlethe Smith, Corlethea Smith, Debbie Smith, Coriethea White, Joyce White, Debbie Williams, Debbie Wilson, Janyis Wilson, Tanlya Wilson, Debra Smith, Rebecca Smith, Tanya Wilson, Corlethen Smith, Tina White, Cassandra Woods, Becky Smith

DOB:

9/9/1956 or 9/9/1952, 9/9/1953, 9/9/1955, 8/17/1955, 9/19/1956, 9/9/1958, 7/29/1965, 7/29/1973

Height: 5'5" **Weight:** 130
Hair: Black **Eyes:** Brown

Last Known Address:

3128 Overton Way
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Case Number(s):

2011 CRB 027115
2011 CRB 029772
2012 CRB 015382

Charge(s):

2913.02(A1) – Theft (three counts)