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Columbus Joins National Effort to Curb Drunk Driving

City Attorney releases new <u>PSA</u>, issues OVI alert

COLUMBUS, OH—To help highlight the <u>NHTSA</u>'s "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. released a new <u>public service announcement</u> along with issuing an alert on four repeat OVI offenders who have nine arrest warrants and nearly forty combined drunk driving related charges against them.

One was pulled over at 4:30 in the afternoon with a blood alcohol content of two-and-a-half times the legal limit. Another reportedly was too impaired to locate his ID, fumbling past it several times until he gave up and handed over his entire wallet to the officer who pulled him over. Another admitted to mixing "alcohol and pills" after knocking over a pole and then falling into the arms of the officer who pulled him over. All have outstanding arrest warrants and with St. Patrick's Day festivities right around the corner, City Attorney Pfeiffer is asking the public to be safe, smart, and on the lookout for a group of alleged drunk drivers his office is calling the "Repeat Offender Four."

"Whether it's St. Patrick's Day or anytime of the year, we're hoping to reduce the number of OVI incidents in Central Ohio," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

The "Repeat Offender Four" includes Jeffrey Allen Kroninger of Worthington with two current warrants for his arrest and previous OVI charges in 2004, 2007, 2009, and 2011. Mr. Kroninger's arrest record includes past charges of felony drug possession and driving on a curb or sidewalk.

There's also Terrance Colvin, arrested and charged with OVI after driving off the side of the road just three months after pleading guilty in court to separate OVI charges. Colvin, whose last known address was on the north side of Columbus, also has been charged in the past with multiple counts of felony drug possession, along with obstructing official business, falsification, illegal possession of a loaded handgun, kidnapping, and aggravated robbery.

"We are asking the public to help us locate these individuals and get them off the streets," said First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. "Hopefully it won't take the Luck of the Irish to keep these repeat offenders from endangering more people on our roadways."

The full list of the "Repeat Offender Four" and their charges can be found on the City Attorney's <u>web</u> <u>site</u>.

Anyone with information regarding these individuals is asked to contact First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.