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Authorities Searching for the ‘Paleo Diet Pilferer’ *Northeast Side man accused of stealing mammoth amounts of meat*

COLUMBUS, OH—A local man dubbed the “Paleo Diet Pilferer” after his penchant for stealing large quantities of meat from area grocery stores has been named the latest “Fugitive of the Week” by Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

Forty-six year old Ralph Reynolds, whose last known address was on South Sale Road on the city’s northeast side, is currently wanted on four outstanding arrest warrants. Charges against him include five counts of theft and two counts of criminal trespass.

He is accused of stealing items ranging from boneless ribeye steaks, beef roasts, and angus top sirloin steaks to spareribs, ground chuck, and corned beef. The average dollar amount of Reynolds’ thefts is close to \$150 each.

“One of the trends our office has observed over the last few years is the growing amount of meat thefts in Central Ohio,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

Reynolds has an extensive criminal record spanning more than 20 years, including multiple counts of theft, receiving stolen property, felony possession of cocaine, criminal trespassing, passing bad checks, drug trafficking, disorderly conduct, falsification, obstructing official business, public urination/defecation, domestic violence, and assault.

In almost all instances during his focus on stealing red meat, his *modus operandi* has been simple: he loads up a shopping cart with meat and then walks past all points of sale without paying.

“His methods are about as sophisticated as a caveman’s, but he seems to be surviving off of his hunter-gatherer heists,” said First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “While it’s possible Mr. Reynolds is a strict follower of the latest protein-rich diet, we suspect he’s stealing the meat for resale on the black market.”

Anyone who may have information on the whereabouts of Ralph Reynolds is asked to contact First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

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

WANTED

The Paleo Diet Pilferer



RALPH REYNOLDS

DOB: 4/17/1958 (Age 46)

Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 185

Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Brown

Last Known Address:

2026 S. Sale Rd.

Columbus, Ohio 43224

Revocation Warrants:

2012 CRB 019468 | 2014 CRB 014881

2014 CRB 030899 | 2015 CRB 001219

Charge(s):

2913.02(A1) – Theft (five counts)

2911.21 – Criminal Trespass (two counts)