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‘Baby Formula Bandit’ Wanted by Authorities

Ex-con uses several aliases, dates-of-birth, and social security numbers

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that 47 year old convicted felon Marc Wilson is the latest “Fugitive of the Week.” Wilson—who uses at least four aliases, five dates-of-birth, and six social security numbers—is wanted for stealing 20 cans of *Similac* baby formula valued at \$400.

Authorities doubt Wilson has that many mouths to feed and instead suspect he uses the baby formula for drug-related purposes. While a black market exists for stolen baby formula to be resold for its intended purpose, reports indicate that baby formula also is used as a cutting agent for cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine by drug dealers looking to dilute their product and stretch their supply. Wilson has a history of drug offenses.

“According to the National Retail Federation, baby formula joins cigarettes, liquor, and painkillers as some of the most shoplifted items in the United States,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

On June 17, 2013 security cameras at a northeast Columbus Walmart caught Wilson hurriedly loading 20 cans of *Similac* into a shopping cart, covering them with a stolen bedset and comforter, and then making a dash for the exit.

“While a hardened criminal stealing baby formula may sound funny, it is no laughing matter,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “There are societal costs associated with any drug-related activity and some consumer advocates also suggest that baby formula’s popularity amongst thieves and shoplifters helps contribute to the relatively high cost to consumers.”

Wilson’s criminal record includes charges of domestic violence, assault, felony drug abuse, criminal trespass, robbery, felony possession of cocaine, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Anyone with information on Marc Wilson, who also goes by Marc Williams, Sean Lee, and Mark Dennis Wilson, is asked to contact Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

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MARC
WILSON

Aliases: Marc S. Williams, Sean S. Lee, Mark Dennis Wilson

DOB: 1/13/1966 (Age 47)

May also use 1/16/1966, 12/4/1966, 1/13/1956, or 6/13/1966

Height: 6'3" **Weight:** 225

Hair: Black **Eyes:** Brown

Last Known Address:

43 S. Monroe Ave.
Columbus, OH 43220

Case Number(s):

2013 CRB 019474

Charge(s):

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