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Beauty Product Bandit Still on the Loose

Serial thief's sticky fingers have a penchant for perfume, skin cream, and eye-liner

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that a serial thief with well over a dozen prior convictions is the latest target of his "Fugitive of the Week" program. Gwendolyn D. Campbell, 52, is wanted on arrest warrants for failure to appear in court to answer theft charges filed against her in three separate cases. The three cases stem from incidents that occurred within a two week time period when she reportedly stole over 60 beauty products from Kroger, Wal-Mart, and Macy's.

"We want to alert retailers and the general public to be on the lookout for this alleged serial thief," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. "Getting caught does not appear to deter her from continuing to steal."

On 12-28-2010, Campbell was caught stealing a \$65 bottle of Cool Water cologne from Macy's at Eastland Mall. Days later, she was caught stealing 43 items from Wal-Mart on the South Side, including various L'Oreal, Revlon, and Maybelline products. On 1-13-11, Campbell was caught again. This time she was attempting to steal Bodycology body spray, Neutrogena skin cream, and 20 other similar items from Kroger on South High Street.

With a criminal history that dates back over 30-years, Campbell's prior arrest record includes felonious assault, soliciting, grand theft, drug trafficking, aggravated robbery, and multiple other theft charges.

"No theft is acceptable, but this woman wasn't stealing to put food on her table, she was stealing to put Oil of Olay on her face," said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on Pfeiffer's behalf.

Anyone with information on Gwendolyn Campbell, whose last known address is 3777 Amwell Road East on the South Side of Columbus, should contact Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

As always, the subjects of the City Attorney's "Fugitive of the Week" program are strongly encouraged to seek legal counsel and turn themselves in. The <u>Columbus Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service</u> can be reached at 614.221.0754 and the <u>Franklin County Public Defender's Office</u> can be reached at 614.525.3194.

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GWENDOLYN D. CAMPBELL

Last Known Address:

3777 Amwell Rd. E. • Columbus, OH 43207

DOB: 4/27/1959 (Age 52)

Height: 5'1" Weight: 167

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Case Numbers:

2011 CRB 0448 2011 CRB 02097 2011 CRB 03415

Charge(s):

2913.02 - Theft (three counts)