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Wanted: Career Criminal

City Attorney's office seeking fugitive with a history of more than 40 criminal charges and 13 stints in jail

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that a 53 year-old man with a criminal past dating back 35 years is the latest target of his “Fugitive of the Week” program. James N. Hagwood, first arrested as an adult in 1976, is currently wanted for failing to appear in court to answer charges filed against him for allegedly breaking into cars near the Ohio State University campus.

“We’re hoping the public will be able to help us continue the success of our program,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “Within hours of posting information about our last fugitive, we began receiving credible tips that directly led to an arrest.”

On 7-10-2011, police received multiple calls about a shirtless man wearing plaid shorts, a black hat, and a backpack attempting to break into cars parked along Chittenden, E. 12th, and E. 13th avenues. James Hagwood, fitting the description, was detained by police and identified by a witness who saw him breaking into a white Jeep. While being questioned, Hagwood allegedly told the police officers to take him to jail.

Hagwood is no stranger to incarceration. He has been jailed at least 13 times, starting in 1976 when he was sentenced to 4-25 years for aggravated burglary. His history of over 40 criminal charges include breaking and entering, receiving stolen property, felony theft, petty theft, possession of criminal tools, disorderly conduct, possession of cocaine, criminal damaging, aggravated trespassing, criminal mischief, carrying a concealed weapon, public indecency, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

“I don’t know if Mr. Hagwood enjoys being incarcerated, but he certainly appears to have devoted much of his adult life to making frequent visits to the county jail,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on Pfeiffer’s behalf. “With the public’s help, those familiar bars await him once again.”

Anyone with information on James N. Hagwood, whose last known address is 978 E. 14th Ave. on the city’s east side, should contact Bill 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 [Columbus Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service](#) can be reached at 614.221.0754 and the [Franklin County Public Defender’s Office](#) can be reached at 614.525.3194.

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JAMES N. HAGWOOD, JR.

Last Known Address:

978 E. 14th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211

DOB: 11/20/1957 (Age 53)

Height: 5'11" **Weight:** 200

Hair: Black **Eyes:** Brown

Case Numbers:

2011 CRB 015121
2011 CRB 015985

Charge(s):

2309.06 – Criminal Damage/Endangering
2309.07 – Criminal Mischief
2325.62(B3) – Open Container in a Public Place