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City Attorney Targets Another Offender Running from Justice

Fugitive of the Week program focuses on man wanted on eight charges

Columbus, Ohio—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that his “Fugitive of the Week” program, which targets individuals with outstanding arrest warrants, is focusing on a man wanted for eight counts stemming from what could have been a tragic vehicular incident. Jeffrey Gadison, 40, was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence (OVI), failure to yield, driving without insurance, operating a vehicle without a license, and four counts of driving under suspension after hitting a car driven by a pregnant mother. The victim also had her two young children in the car with her when Gadison allegedly failed to yield on a left turn and struck their vehicle at approximately 5:30 a.m. on January 21, 2011.

“One of the goals of our *Fugitive of the Week* initiative is to obtain information from the public that will help lead to the apprehension of alleged wrongdoers,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “We also want to alert the public about the potential danger of individuals who appear to display contempt for the rule of law by choosing not to appear in court to answer charges against them.”

A bench warrant was issued for Gadison’s arrest after he failed to appear in court on January 25, 2011. Gadison should have had no trouble finding the court house, as he has three prior OVI convictions and multiple driving under suspension charges against him in Franklin County. According to the police report filed on the January 21 incident, Gadison’s victims were rushed to the hospital from the scene of the accident and were subsequently listed in stable condition.

“Given Mr. Gadison’s lengthy history of OVI and driving under suspension, it’s a reasonable fear that he may be getting behind the wheel still,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the “Fugitive of the Week” initiative on Pfeiffer’s behalf. “The only way to guarantee he isn’t continuing to disregard the law and endangering others is to bring him into custody.”

The “Fugitive of the Week” is typically announced on the City Attorney’s [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts. Prosecutors then work with the Columbus Division of Police’s Strategic Response Bureau on implementing a strategy to apprehend the fugitives.

Gadison’s profile can be found by clicking [here](#).