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COLUMBUS' MOST WANTED VOYEUR IN CUSTODY

*Fugitive reportedly living in the same park he used to prey upon his victims
succumbs to pressure, surrenders to authorities*

COLUMBUS, OH—Three weeks after Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. dubbed him the city's most wanted voyeur, Mark A. North II turned himself in due to intensifying public pressure. The Columbus Division of Police, which coordinates with the City Attorney's office on their "Fugitive of the Week" program, was hot on North's trail prior to his surrender.

North, 31, had a warrant issued for his arrest after he failed to appear in court to answer charges of voyeurism, criminal trespassing, and two counts of public indecency. The four total counts against him were connected to his arrest in October 2010 for staring at an Ohio State University student through her window and masturbating. His lewd acts were captured by a video camera phone.

"We decided to turn the tables on Mr. North and set our sights on him," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. "I want to thank the Columbus Division of Police for tracking him down and helping put an end to his aberrant behavior in our parks."

North's lengthy criminal record includes convictions on 12 previous counts of voyeurism and public indecency. He targeted the OSU campus area and Olentangy bike path to spy on his victims and expose himself for sexual gratification. In a series of incidents in March of 2009, North's victims included a minor and several OSU students. The incidents were documented and led to North pleading guilty to eight charges of voyeurism.

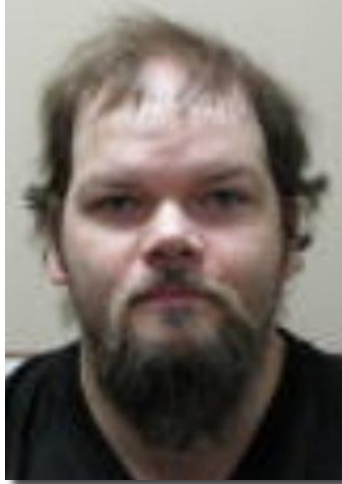
Since North was no longer living at his last known address, police employed surveillance techniques to track him down. He allegedly spent his time in nomadic fashion, roaming around various different park locations along the Olentangy River and sleeping in encampments near the areas where he looked for victims.

"It's especially distressing to find out he was suspected of living in the same park areas that he turned into his own perverted playground," said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on Pfeiffer's behalf.

North is a registered sex offender and has an anti-stalking protection order against him. He is currently in jail awaiting a new trial date.

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ARRESTED



**Mark A. North II
(aka Tony North)**

DOB: 6/2/80 (Age 31)

Height: 5'8" **Weight:** 185

Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Blue

Case Number(s):
2010 CRB 24903 and 2010 CRB 26662

Charge(s):
Voyeurism (one count); Public Indecency (two counts);
Criminal Trespass (one count)