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Convicted Animal Abuser Wanted for Probation Violation

Allegedly used aliases to sell pit bulls and promote dog fighting on Craig's List

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that 35 year old convicted felon Steve Jason Hamilton is the latest “Fugitive of the Week.” Hamilton—who uses at least seven aliases and reportedly hails from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago—is wanted for violating probation following his animal cruelty conviction in a case that involved the death of two dogs and serious mistreatment of several others before they were rescued by humane agents.

“We are hoping the public can help provide information on the whereabouts of this individual,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

Following an investigation into a citizen complaint that an individual referring to himself as Dr. Fuqua Chang was using *Craig's List* and other web sites to advertise “Cajun rules” for dog fighting and “gas chamber bloodline” pit bulls for sale, members of the Franklin County Sheriff's special investigative unit raided Hamilton's residence on March 3, 2010.

The Sheriff's deputies, who were accompanied by humane agents, found two dead, emaciated pit bulls lying in a plywood dog pen in the backyard of the house. They also found two underweight adult pit bulls roaming inside the residence and three malnourished juvenile pit bulls tied up in the basement.

According to reports, Hamilton claimed that “someone poisoned” the pit bulls found penned up and dead. Subsequent necropsies indicated that the animals likely died from starvation. Hamilton also alleged that he used an unknown vet “somewhere on Hudson Street” to care for the other animals found on the brink of starvation. He also reportedly claimed he posted the dog fighting rules on his web site for “information purposes” and claimed no knowledge that “gas chamber bloodlines” indicated aggressive dogs illegally bred for fighting.

“I am particularly incensed that an individual convicted with these facts has failed to follow the conditions of his probation,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “Hopefully, Mr. Hamilton is still in Columbus and can be brought to justice.”

Hamilton's criminal record also includes charges of domestic violence, assault, rape, and failure to register as a sex offender.

Anyone with information on Steve Jason Hamilton, who may also go by Fuqua J. Hamilton, Alton Carter, Kevin F. Williams, Kevin Jason Williams, Kevin Fuqua Williams, or Dr. Fuqua Chang, is asked to contact Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

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STEVE JASON HAMILTON

Aliases: Fuqua J. Hamilton, Alton Carter, Kevin F. Williams, Kevin Jason Williams, Kevin Fuqua Williams, Steve Joel Hamilton, and Dr. Fuqua Chang

DOB: 1/3/1978 (Age 35) May also use 1/3/1979 and 10/6/1978

Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 301
Hair: Black **Eyes:** Brown

Last Known Address:
1183 E. Livingston Ave.
Columbus, OH 43205

Case Number(s):
2010 ERB 071638 (Revocation Warrant)
2011 CRB 002163 (Arrest Warrant)

Charge(s):
959.131(C2) – Prohibitions Concerning Companion Animals (five counts)
4301.69(A) – Liquor Prohibitions