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## Authorities Searching for Copper Thief with History of Indecency and Violence

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that Tommy Allen Craft is the latest “Fugitive of the Week” after three warrants were issued for the Franklinton area man’s arrest. Craft is wanted on two revocation warrants for violating probation on an assault and domestic violence case and a separate public indecency conviction. He also is wanted for failing to appear in court to answer a theft charge against him after he was accused of stealing copper wire from Home Depot.

**“We are asking the public to help aid our warrant enforcement efforts by providing information on this individual’s whereabouts,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.**

On November 13, 2010 Craft was arrested for performing a lewd act in his car in front of a female pedestrian in Reynoldsburg. He subsequently pleaded guilty and was convicted of public indecency. He was given a 90-day suspended sentence and placed on probation.

While still on probation, Craft was charged with domestic violence and assault on July 17, 2012 when officers arrested him for repeatedly “punching [his wife] in the face with a closed fist” according to reports. After serving time in jail, he once again was placed on probation and required, amongst other conditions, to report regularly to his probation officer as directed, receive mandatory counseling, and refrain from violating any federal, state, or local laws.

Craft didn’t seem to waste too much time in violating those conditions soon upon his release. Court records indicate he skipped meetings with his probation officer, failed to seek counseling, and was arrested for felony possession of drugs and stealing 50 feet of copper wire from a Lincoln Village Home Depot.

**“This is not a nice man,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the warrant enforcement program on behalf of City Attorney Pfeiffer. “The best place for someone who repeatedly violates probation is a jail cell.”**

Craft’s criminal history also includes aggravated burglary, two counts of assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, contempt of court, multiple drug offenses, and a 2005 conviction for public indecency. He also was convicted of felony vandalism in the mid-2000s and sentenced to four years in prison.

Anyone with information on Tommy Allen Craft is asked to contact Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or [brhedrick@columbus.gov](mailto:brhedrick@columbus.gov).

*Per state law, the City Attorney’s office prosecutes misdemeanor crimes, not felonies.*

# WANTED



**TOMMY ALLEN**  
**CRAFT**

**DOB:** 7/3/1974 (Age 38)

**Height:** 5'3"   **Weight:** 130  
**Hair:** Blonde   **Eyes:** Blue

**Last Known Address:**  
1451 W. Rich St. Apt. 7  
Columbus, Ohio 43222

**Case Number(s):**  
2010 CRB 026452  
2012 CRB 017577  
2013 CRB 003892

**Charge(s):**  
2907.09(A)(2) – Public Indecency  
2913.02(A1) – Theft  
2919.25 – Domestic Violence  
2903.13 – Assault