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### Authorities Searching for 'Demolition Derby Derelict'

**COLUMBUS, OH**—A Central Ohio resident who seemingly launched a one-man demolition derby through the streets of Columbus, causing three hit-and-run accidents in 30 minutes, has been named "Fugitive of the Week" by Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

Twenty-four-year-old Dustin Allen Williamson of the city's north side is wanted on three arrest warrants after he failed to appear at his trial in May to answer charges related to his hit-skip spree. Authorities are uncertain why Williamson skipped out on his trial after the judge initially granted his attorney's request for two earlier continuances. But skipping out seems to be a pattern first established by Williamson on the morning of February 23, 2016 when he rear-ended his first victim near the intersection of W. Hudson and N. High St. and raced away "at a high rate of speed."

"Skipping out on a trial is as foolish and irresponsible as causing an accident and 'skipping' away," said Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr."

Minutes after fleeing the scene of the first accident, Williamson hit another car a few blocks away at the intersection of N. 4th and Clinton St. and sped off again. The second victim was able to take a cellphone picture of the temporary license tag of the vehicle Williamson was driving. While officers were investigating the first two crashes, a third dispatch call indicated that a vehicle with matching temporary tags to the victim's cellphone photo had been involved in a one-car accident at W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and North Star Rd. in Grandview.

According to reports, Williamson had no choice but to flee his third accident on foot, as he crashed his vehicle into a utility pole, breaking the pole in two and smashing the front bumper of his car "halfway back to the windshield."

Williamson was located inside a nearby *Subway* restaurant and appeared dismissive of the wreckage he had wrought by his out-of-control driving.

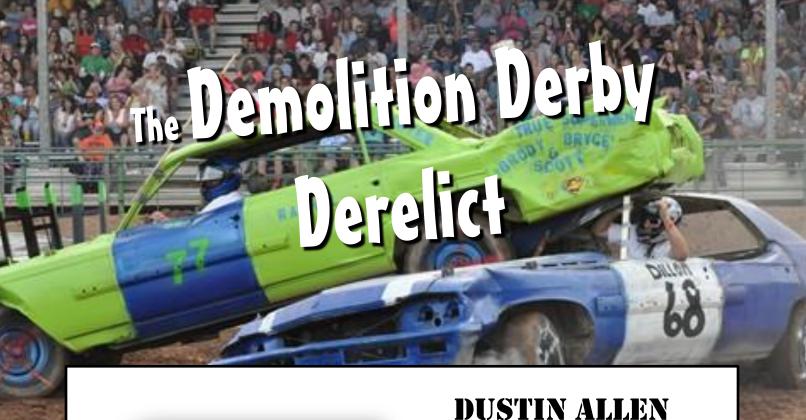
"We understand that accidents happen," said First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. "But you can't turn the streets of Columbus into a scene from *Cannonball Run* and then expect to run away from responsibility by not appearing in court."

Williamson faces eight total criminal charges, including three counts of driving with a learner's permit that had expired seven years ago.

Anyone with information on Dustin Allen Williamson is asked to contact First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or <a href="mailto:brhedrick@columbus.gov">brhedrick@columbus.gov</a>.

Per state law, the Columbus City Attorney's office prosecutes misdemeanor crimes, not felonies.

## WANTED





# DUSTIN ALLEN WILLIAMSON

**DOB:** 1/30/1992 (Age 24) **Height:** 5'10" **Weight:** 160 **Hair:** Blonde **Eyes:** Blue

#### **Last Known Address:**

2715 Pontiac St. Columbus, Ohio 43211

#### **Case Numbers:**

2016 TRD 114799 | 2016 TRD 114800 2016 TRD 114801

### Charge(s):

2135.12(A) – Failure to Stop - Accident (two counts) 2131.33(A) – Failure to Control 2141.12(A1) – No Operator's License (three counts) 2133.03(A) – ACDA (two counts)