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City Attorney's Office Releases Annual 'Dirty Dozen'

List features 12 OVI suspects with warrants for their arrest

COLUMBUS, OH—One crashed into a utility pole. Another flipped a car over on the freeway. Another has at least seven previous OVI convictions. All have outstanding arrest warrants and with New Year's Eve revelry right around the corner, Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. is asking the public to be safe, smart, and on the lookout for a group of alleged drunk drivers his office calls the "Dirty Dozen."

The "Dirty Dozen" is a list of some of the more egregious OVI offenders who are wanted for failing to appear in court to answer charges against them. The City Attorney's office compiles the list annually to bring attention to a crime that is a year-round concern.

"Whether it's New Year's Eve or anytime of the year, we're asking the public to do the right thing if they're going to be drinking," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. "Identify a designated driver, take a cab, or rent a hotel room for the night."

This year's "Dirty Dozen includes John L. Marteney, 53, who has been convicted of OVI in 2008, 2006, 2004, 2000, 1988, 1984, and 1982. Marteney, who lives on the north side of Columbus, has also been charged with assault, resisting arrest, soliciting for prostitution, criminal trespass, theft, public indecency, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, obstructing official business, and menacing.

There's also 59-year-old Vincent Shearer of the city's east side with three separate OVI charges since May. Shearer has at least one prior OVI conviction and has been cited multiple times over the years for driving without a license. He also has been charged in the past with aggravated burglary, breaking and entering, felony theft by deception, aggravated theft over \$100,000 and grand theft of a motor vehicle.

"The public needs to steer clear of these individuals and contact the authorities if they see them anywhere near a set of car keys," said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. "In my opinion a bottle plus a wheel equals armed and dangerous, especially for people who have a track record of disregarding the law."

The full list of the "Dirty Dozen" and their charges can be found on the City Attorney's web site (www.columbuscityattorney.org) or by clicking here.

Anyone with information on any of these individuals is asked to contact Bill Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov. Hedrick leads the fugitive apprehension program and maintains the "Dirty Dozen" list on behalf of City Attorney Pfeiffer.