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Eight is Enough

*Suspect with seven prior OVI convictions is considered a danger
after trying to avoid number eight*

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that John Leslie Marteney is the latest target of his “Fugitive of the Week” program after three warrants were issued for the 53-year-old north side resident’s arrest. Marteney is wanted for failing to appear in court to answer 12 charges brought against him, including OVI, driving under suspension, driving the wrong way down a one-way street, and having an open container in a moving vehicle.

Marteney is no stranger to drunk driving charges, having been convicted of OVI in 1982, 1984, 1988, 2000, 2004, 2006, and 2008.

“While national statistics indicate one-third of all drivers arrested for OVI are repeat offenders, it’s still alarming whenever we see someone with this many prior convictions,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

According to reports, Marteney was stopped in the early morning of September 25, 2012 after officers observed him heading west on a one-way street that is for eastbound traffic only. Marteney had a large open can of Old Milwaukee’s Best resting next to his leg on the floorboard and reportedly displayed multiple signs of intoxication.

Given Marteney’s disturbing pattern of recidivism, the City Attorney’s office included him in their “Dozen Dozen” list of some of Columbus’ most egregious OVI offenders after he skipped out on his arraignment hearing. Marteney also was featured in the most recent episode of [“Fugitive Files,”](#) which is the broadcast component of the City Attorney’s award winning outstanding warrants program.

“We’re serious about bringing Mr. Marteney to justice,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on City Attorney Pfeiffer’s behalf. “An empty bottle and a full tank of gas are not a safe combination for him.”

Along with his multiple OVI offenses, Marteney’s criminal history includes assault, resisting arrest, soliciting prostitution, criminal trespass, theft, public indecency, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, obstructing official business, and menacing.

Anyone with information on John Leslie Marteney is asked to contact Bill Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

WANTED



JOHN LESLIE

MARTENEY

DOB: 9/9/1959 (Age 53)

Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 179

Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Hazel

Last Known Address:

3464 Karl Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43224

Case Number(s):

2012 TRC 185476
2012 CRB 023731
2012 TRD 116041

12 Total Charges Including:

2133.01(A)(1)(A) - OVI Impaired
2141.11(A) - Driving Under Suspension (two counts)
2141.12(A1) - No Operator's License
2131.30(A) - One Way - Highway or Rotary
2325.62(B4) - Open Container in a Moving Vehicle
2137.02(A) - Failure to Display Headlights