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‘Energy Drink Addict’ Wanted by Authorities *Local man accused of stealing over 100 cases of 5-Hour Energy*

COLUMBUS, OH—A Central Ohio man wanted for stealing enough *5-Hour Energy* drinks to provide 165 straight days of non-stop energy has been named “Fugitive of the Week” by Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

Thirty-year-old Corey Jay Meadows of Columbus’ South Side has two warrants for his arrest after being accused of stealing 103 cases of *5-Hour Energy* supplements valued at \$1582.57.

“Retail theft is a constant challenge for local merchants,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “For one reason or another, energy drinks have become a popular target for serial thieves.”

According to reports, on April 25, 2015 Meadows “cleaned out the entire shelf” of *5-Hour Energy* from a West Side Meijer store, stealing 64 assorted cases containing a total of 480 bottles. The total retail value of the stolen merchandise was \$972.96.

On May 5, 2015, Meadows entered a Meijer store in northeast Columbus and proceeded to sweep his arm across shelves stocked with *5-Hour Energy* drinks, knocking every pack off the shelves and into his cart. He then attempted to bolt out of the store with what was later determined to be 39 cases containing 314 more bottles of the popular energy drink, with a total retail value of \$609.61. When confronted, Meadows abandoned the overloaded shopping cart and jumped into a get-away car described as a blue Ford Fiesta.

Meadows also is believed to be connected to another theft of \$681.08 of *5-Hour Energy* drinks from a Meijer store located in Grove City, Ohio.

Along with multiple counts of theft, Meadows’ criminal history includes charges of felony identity theft, felony possession of drugs, felony receiving stolen property, tampering with evidence, vandalism, OVI, hit-skip, driving without a license, disorderly conduct, and 12 counts of animal-related crimes.

“Mr. Meadows has stolen 794 bottles of *5-Hour Energy*—or the equivalent of 3970 hours of continuous, instant energy—that we can verify,” said First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “He is either a cog in an organized theft ring or one seriously wired energy drink addict who hasn’t slept in months.”

Anyone with information on Corey Jay Meadows is asked to contact First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

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**COREY JAY
MEADOWS**

DOB: 3/4/1985 (Age 30)
Height: 5'8" **Weight:** 159
Hair: Red **Eyes:** Hazel

Last Known Address:
1745 Alum Creek Dr.
Columbus, Ohio 43207

Case Numbers:
2015 CRB 011574
2015 CRB 015623

Charge(s):
2313.02 – Theft (two counts)