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Columbus Man Sentenced to Jail in Ethnic Intimidation Case

Judge orders 90 days confinement after jury found defendant guilty of multiple misdemeanors in case involving racial slurs

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced today that defendant Sean C. Fabich, 48, who has a history of disrupting the King-Lincoln Bronzeville neighborhood on the city's near-east side, has been ordered to spend 60 days in jail and 30 days under house arrest after a jury previously found him guilty of ethnic intimidation and disorderly conduct. The judge also placed Fabich on probation for two years and ordered him to stay away from his victim, a neighbor who Fabich berated with racial epithets during a hostile confrontation caught on video. Fabich additionally was fined \$500 and required to pay court costs. He was credited with 17 days that he has already spent in jail.

The judge also sentenced Fabich to an additional 20 days in jail for violating probation on two unrelated cases and he will be required to receive a behavioral assessment and counseling. In the past three years, Fabich also has been charged with assault, resisting arrest, violation of a protection order/consent agreement, improper use of 911, obstructing official business, and several counts of animal cruelty.

“The defendant’s behavior was reprehensible and has no place in our society,” said City Attorney Zach Klein. “We made it clear in court how seriously we took this case and how serious the offenses were. We hope the jury’s verdict and the judge’s sentencing deliver a strong message that the City of Columbus does not tolerate any form of racial intimidation.”

Ethnic intimidation is a criminal offense under Columbus City Code [Section 2331.08](#), which states in part:

No person shall violate Sections 2303.13, 2303.22, 2307.06, 2309.06, 2309.07, 2311.21, 2313.02, 2313.03, 2313.04, 2317.03, 2317.11, 2317.12, 2323.30, or 2329.01, of the Columbus City Codes, by reason of or where one of the motives, reasons or purposes for the commission of the offense is the victim's race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, familial status or military status.

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