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Arrests Made in Animal Cruelty ‘Summer Sweep’ *North side resident wanted on probation revocation warrant joins others*

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that Shannon M. Robinson became the fourth member of the animal cruelty “[Dirty Dozen](#)” to face justice today, one week after he released the list of 12 suspects in conjunction with his office’s summer sweep of individuals with outstanding arrest warrants for crimes against animals. The 36-year-old Robinson was arrested this afternoon by the Columbus Police Division’s Strategic Response Bureau, joining Mary Clements, 65, and Samuel J. Pineda, 46, who also were arrested, and Ashley A. Ruddy, 25, who turned herself in to authorities.

“This type of concentrated effort takes coordination and cooperation,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “The Capital Area Humane Society built the cases, then the media coverage led to tips from the public, which helped Columbus Police make three of what we hope will be several more arrests.”

Robinson had a warrant issued for her arrest for violating the terms and conditions of her probation after being convicted of crimes against animals last year. She was originally charged after Humane Agents found three dogs and 16 cats in her house with trash piled more than four feet high in places. According to reports that indicated the “conditions inside the residence [were] unfit for human habitation,” a horrible smell could be detected emanating from inside the house, several cats were locked in a cage in the garage, and one of the dogs had so much crust and dried-up pus on its face that the agents “could not tell if there was an eye in the left socket.”

Reports also indicated that Children Services launched an investigation against Robinson since her seven children were also living in the house under the same conditions.

“I feel sorry for those kids and those animals, but the one person I do not feel sorry for is Ms. Robinson,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “She has been given numerous opportunities to rectify this situation and it seems like she decided to defy the court orders instead.”

After pleading guilty on September 24, 2012, Robinson was placed on probation for five years, ordered to forfeit a total of 17 cats and dogs to the Capital Area Humane Society, and was prohibited from owning any other animals. Three weeks later, Robinson arranged to pay an accomplice to get back four of the cats she had surrendered to the Humane Society. The accomplice was caught after buying two of the cats, “Larry” and “DJ,” and trying to buy two more. Court documents indicate that authorities considered this act of Robinson’s to be an “egregious attempt to circumvent the order of the court.”

At one point, the court also ordered Robinson to be placed under house arrest for 60 days but she refused to submit to an electronic monitoring device.

ARRESTED



SHANNON M.

ROBINSON

DOB: 11/20/1976 (Age 36)

Height: 5'8" **Weight:** 175
Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Brown

Last Known Address:
1816 E. Cooke Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43224

Probation Revocation for Case Number:
2012 ERB 072163

Original Charges:
2327.15 – Cruelty to animals
959.13(A) – Cruelty to animals
959.131(C1) – Prohibitions concerning animals (two counts)