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The Braveheart Bandit's Freedom Has Been Taken

COLUMBUS, OH—As predicted, it did not take long for Christopher R. Peters, known as the “Braveheart Bandit” due to the distinctive blue triangle tattooed across his face, to get arrested after being targeted by the Columbus City Attorney’s office.

Peters was arrested within 24 hours of City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. and First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick singling him out as the “poster child” for the growing problem of professional shoplifters and organized theft rings targeting local merchants.

Peters was caught stealing eight times in 2014 and was wanted on three outstanding warrants after violating the conditions of his probation.

“We would like to thank the public for all the tips that started pouring in and especially thank the Columbus Police Department for apprehending this individual so quickly,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

On March 30, 2014 Peters stole \$322.97 worth of assorted merchandise from Home Depot. On April 7th, he stole a \$379.99 Dyson vacuum cleaner from Anderson’s and the following day he stole two more Dysons valued at \$848.99 from Target. On April 22nd he stole \$220 worth of clothes from Old Navy.

Peters, who also is a registered sex offender charged with a felony count of failing to reverify his address, was arraigned on January 23, 2015.

Since Peters was arrested on his probation revocation warrants, he cannot be released on bond and remains in custody awaiting his hearing on February 12, 2015.

“I can’t imagine it was a smart career choice for a thief to get a blue triangle tattooed across his face,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “Now that Mr. Peters has had his freedom taken from him, I would advise him to use his time behind bars wisely and consider a more honest line of work.”

Per state law, the Columbus City Attorney’s office prosecutes misdemeanor crimes, not felonies.

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