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Fugitive Caught after Three Years Running from Justice

Columbus City Attorney's coordinated effort leads to apprehension

Columbus, Ohio—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that his “Fugitive of the Week” program, which targets individuals with outstanding arrest warrants, has helped bring another offender to justice. Angel Barido, 30, was apprehended through a system of coordinated measures implemented by the City Attorney’s office and the Columbus Police Division Strategic Response Bureau. Barido had arrest warrants issued on a total of four charges, some dating back to 2008.

“Some of these lawbreakers think they may have slipped through the cracks, but they need to understand: when they run from justice, the City Attorney’s office doesn’t forgive and we don’t forget,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

Barido entered into the crosshairs of the “Fugitive of the Week” initiative due to the disturbing nature of the initial charges brought against her several years ago. In the summer of 2007, case workers from the Capital Area Humane Society brought the results of an investigation to the attention of City Prosecutors after they found two dogs abandoned in Barido’s apartment. One of the dogs was found lying in a pool of its own vomit and blood, having starved to death in the vacant apartment. The second dog appeared scared and emaciated, on the brink of starvation.

Barido failed to appear in court to answer the two charges of animal abandonment and was consequently issued a warning letter by City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick on September 29, 2009. Barido ignored the warning and was subsequently charged in 2010 for driving under suspension and using fictitious license plates. Barido once again failed to appear in court to answer to the additional charges.

“My advice to individuals with outstanding warrants for their arrest is to contact an attorney and turn themselves in or else face the prospect of becoming the next target of our dragnet,” said Hedrick, who leads the “Fugitive of the Week” initiative on Pfeiffer’s behalf.

The “Fugitive of the Week” is typically announced on the City Attorney’s Facebook (facebook.com/columbuscityattorney) and Twitter (@RickPfeiffer) accounts. Prosecutors then work with the Strategic Response Bureau on implementing a strategy to apprehend the fugitives.