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“FUGITIVE OF THE WEEK” ARRESTED

Tips received from Facebook, Twitter postings and media coverage led to thief's apprehension

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that the most recent target of his “Fugitive of the Week” program, Michelle Suzanne O’Harra, has been arrested. Within hours of posting information about her arrest warrants via Facebook and Twitter, the City Attorney’s office began receiving several tips on O’Harra, 41.

The information, which was deemed accurate and credible, was conveyed to the Columbus Police Division’s Strategic Response Bureau (SRB). SRB, which works closely with the City Attorney’s office on the fugitive program, was then able to locate O’Harra to serve the warrants and bring her into custody.

“I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to the Strategic Response Bureau,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “With this latest arrest, their exceptional police work has helped us bring 75 percent of our targets to justice since we began the fugitive program in April.”

O’Harra was wanted on three outstanding arrest warrants for failing to appear in court to answer two separate theft charges and one charge for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was on probation at the time the warrants were issued.

She was given a 175-day suspended sentence for the previous conviction and the violation of the terms of her probation could possibly lead to her serving the remainder of the sentence in jail. She is expected to be arraigned tomorrow morning.

“We have far too many people in Franklin County who want to try their luck by skipping out on their court dates,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on Pfeiffer’s behalf. “Hopefully we’re sending a message that there are consequences for ignoring a court summons—and luck has nothing to do with it.”

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Michelle O'Harra

(aka Michelle O'Hara)

Last Known Address:

151 Buena Vista Ave.
Columbus, OH 43228

DOB: 1-16-70 (Age 41)

Height: 5'9" **Weight:** 145

Hair: Red **Eyes:** Blue

Case Numbers:

2011 CRB 011403
2011 CRB 011928
2011 CRB 023632

Charge(s):

2913.02(A1) – Theft (two counts)
2925.14(C1) – Drug Paraphernalia