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Mother/Daughter Band of Thieves Wanted

City Attorney Releases New Fugitive of the Week Profile

Columbus, Ohio—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that Debra Shaw, 48, and her daughter, Brandi Shaw, 27, are the latest focus of his “Fugitive of the Week” program, which targets individuals with outstanding arrest warrants. Between the two, the Shaws have open warrants for their arrest on five separate counts and have been charged over two dozen times total for theft and other crimes.

“Our fugitive profile program usually targets some of the more brazen offenders within our purview and with the continued assistance of the Strategic Response Bureau, it is only a matter of time before Debra and Brandi Shaw are brought to justice,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

The Shaws’ alleged crime spree appeared to target Walmart, as four out of five of their open cases involve stealing from Walmart stores in November and December of last year. Debra Shaw also was charged with stealing \$226.96 worth of merchandise from a Worthington CVS on March 28, 2011. Along with several theft-related arrests, her past record contains a laundry list of other charges, including telephone harassment, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, felony drug possession/abuse, tampering with evidence, and child endangerment.

“This appears to be one of those rare occasions where the family trade *shouldn’t* be passed down from generation to generation,” said City Prosecutor Bill R. 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](https://www.facebook.com/columbuscityattorney)) and Twitter (@RickPfeiffer) accounts. Prosecutors then work with the Columbus Police Division Strategic Response Bureau, which has been instrumental in tracking down the subjects of the City Attorney’s weekly profiles.

“Based upon the unwanted notoriety placed on the fugitives and the tips we receive from the public, I have been quite pleased with the success of our program so far,” said Pfeiffer.

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