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## Authorities Searching for Graffiti Vandal

*Suspected tagger skipped out on court hearing*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that a graffiti vandal with two outstanding arrest warrants is the latest target of his “Fugitive of the Week” program. Brandon Hickman, a 20-year old west side resident, was charged last year after reportedly tagging property less than half a mile from where he lived at the time. A warrant for his arrest was issued after he failed to appear for his pre-trial hearing.

**“Graffiti is not art, it is a crime that victimizes property owners and blights our neighborhoods,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.**

On September 25, 2011 police responded to a report of an act of graffiti in progress. A witness directed the responding officer to the location where Hickman was tagging a building with the word “COLD” in blue. Hickman also allegedly tagged a sign with the same word, except he apparently misspelled it “COL.”

**“While I have no idea what Mr. Hickman was trying to accomplish by writing the word ‘cold’ on someone else’s property, he isn’t the dumbest vandal we’ve come across,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “That distinction belongs to an individual we prosecuted for spray painting his full name on a building, having himself filmed doing it, and then putting the video online.”**

Anyone with information on Brandon Hickman is asked to contact Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on City Attorney Pfeiffer’s behalf, at 614.645.8874 or [brhedrick@columbus.gov](mailto:brhedrick@columbus.gov).

The other warrant for Hickman’s arrest was issued on an unrelated shoplifting case after he failed to appear for his arraignment.

As always, the subjects of the City Attorney’s “Fugitive of the Week” program are strongly encouraged to seek legal counsel and turn themselves in. The [Columbus Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service](#) can be reached at 614.221.0754 and the [Franklin County Public Defender’s Office](#) can be reached at 614.525.3194.

Per state law, the City Attorney’s office can only prosecute misdemeanor crimes, not felonies.

# WANTED



**BRANDON**  
**HICKMAN**

**DOB:** 12/21/1991 (Age 20)

**Height:** 5'6"    **Weight:** 165  
**Hair:** Brown    **Eyes:** Brown

**Last Known Address:**  
3510 Lindendale Dr.  
Columbus, Ohio 43204

**Case Number(s):**  
2011 ERB 073395  
2011 CRB 019856

**Charge(s):**  
2309.27 – Graffitiism  
2913.02(A1) – Theft