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## ‘Hi-Def Hoodlum’ Wanted by Authorities

*Multiple warrants issued for man accused of stealing flat-screen TVs*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that Paul Jeffrey Wager, a 26 year old convicted felon, is the latest “Fugitive of the Week.” Three arrest warrants and an additional active case were filed against Wager after he allegedly committed a series of thefts during a two-week crime spree late last year. He has evaded authorities since then.

**“We are hoping the public can help provide information on the whereabouts of this individual,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.**

On December 2, 2013 Wager stole a 39” *Samsung* TV valued at \$429.99 from a store at the Graceland Shopping Center.

On December 12, 2013 Wager stole a 32” *Philips* TV valued at \$259.99 from an Easton-area retailer. Two days later, Wager struck again at the same location. According to reports, Wager careened his vehicle into a handicap parking space, jumped out, grabbed a shopping cart and then entered the store. Approximately ten minutes later, surveillance cameras caught him placing a *Nikon* digital camera valued at \$599.99 and a \$79.99 *Bright Starts* baby swing in his cart and walking out of the store.

As store security approached him, Wager initiated a scuffle. During the brief melee, Wager lost his coat, hat, and sunglasses before breaking free and running away. He called the store a few hours later to ask if he could pick up his personal belongings at the lost-and-found department. The vehicle he left parked in the handicap parking space was impounded.

The next day, Wager targeted another Easton-area retailer, stealing items valued at \$393.88, including a 38” *Vizio* soundbar system.

**“It would be poetic justice if having Mr. Wager’s image broadcast on flat-screen TVs all across central Ohio helps lead to his arrest,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on City Attorney Pfeiffer’s behalf.**

Wager’s past criminal record includes incarceration for drug-related felonies as well as charges of breaking and entering, receiving stolen property, resisting arrest, contempt of court, hit-skip, leaving the scene of an accident, and OVI.

Anyone with information on Paul Jeffrey Wager is asked to contact Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or [brhedrick@columbus.gov](mailto:brhedrick@columbus.gov).

# WANTED



**PAUL JEFFREY**

# WAGINGER

**DOB:** 10/01/1987 (Age 26)

**Height:** 6'0" **Weight:** 170

**Hair:** Brown **Eyes:** Green

**Last Known Address:**

4662 Tamarack Blvd. Apt. 12-A  
Columbus, OH 43229

**Case Number(s):**

2014 CRB 000534 – Warrant Issued  
2014 CRB 000573 – Warrant Issued  
2014 CRB 001443 – Warrant Issued  
2014 CRB 002126 – Open Case

**Charge(s):**

2913.02(A1) – Theft (four counts)