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City Attorney's Effort to Enforce Arrest Warrants Has Far-Flung Impact

COLUMBUS, OH—With the aid of cyberspace and social media, the influence of Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer's "Fugitive of the Week" program has extended beyond Central Ohio and reached all the way to Puerto Rico.

"The intent behind our decision to launch the fugitive program really was about standing up for the rule of law," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. "Thousands of warrants are issued every year due to those who ignore orders from the court."

Fernando Pazo Collazo, wanted for voyeurism, was one of the first fugitives Pfeiffer targeted during the launch of his program last year. Collazo apparently fled Columbus to Puerto Rico soon thereafter, but is still feeling the sting of his unwanted attention over 2000 miles away.

A background check agency in Puerto Rico, acting on behalf of a client considering Collazo for a job, found Collazo's warrant information posted on the City Attorney's Facebook page and official web site. The agency contacted Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on Pfeiffer's behalf, to request documentation confirming the open status of Collazo's warrant.

"Mr. Collazo may run, but a simple Google search can make it very difficult for him to hide his alleged transgressions," said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. "It's nice to know that there are consequences to his actions, whether its jail time or the unemployment line."

Collazo initially was charged with voyeurism for his arrest on August 20, 2010 after he was caught using his camera phone to surreptitiously videotape up a woman's dress at a local retailer. Security personnel stated they witnessed Collazo reach under the victim's dress with his cellphone and immediately contacted the Columbus Police Division.

Collazo was suspected to have videotaped at least 10 other unknown and unsuspecting women in the Columbus area. The bench warrant for his arrest was issued after Collazo agreed to enter a guilty plea but failed to show up for his scheduled court date.

Voyeurism is a first degree misdemeanor—not a felony—making extradition impractical and cost prohibitive.

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FERNANDO PAZO

COLLAZO

DOB: 09/09/1973 (Age 38)

Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 240

Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Brown

Last Known Address:

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Case Number(s):

2010 CRB 18467

Charge(s):

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