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Prosecutors hoping to bring ‘petty but persistent’ thief to justice

North Side man currently wanted on eight outstanding warrants

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that Juston Gordon Debo is the latest target of his “Fugitive of the Week” program after a total of eight warrants were issued for the North Side resident’s arrest. Debo is wanted on a series of criminal charges related to an alleged petty theft spree targeting Walmart and Kroger stores across Columbus.

“Area merchants and retailers must remain on constant alert against theft,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “According to a report cited by the FBI last year, retail theft costs the U.S. almost \$30 billion a year.”

On December 23, 2011, Debo was accused of stealing three packages of women’s underwear and a knitted cap from a Walmart on the city’s West Side. The total value of the items was \$22.48. On February 9, 2012 Debo was charged with stealing a jar of Nestea unsweetened iced tea mix, three bottles of Johnson’s baby lotion, and one package of International Delight French vanilla creamer for a total of \$10.29 from another Walmart. He also was charged with criminal trespass.

On March 10, 2012, Debo was apprehended after allegedly trying to steal two packs of razors totaling \$24.38 from a West Side Kroger. One week later, he was stopped at another Kroger after reportedly trying to steal a package of Icy Hot valued at \$6.99. As a result of these previous theft attempts, he was charged with trespassing—before he could steal anything—at a Kroger on N. High St. on March 19, 2012.

“Fortunately, Mr. Debo doesn’t appear to be a very successful thief, but he is persistent,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on Pfeiffer’s behalf. “Instead of ‘Tebowing’ we may have a new phenomenon in Central Ohio called ‘Debo-ing’...getting repeatedly caught stealing an average of \$16.04 worth of seemingly random items.”

Along with other theft and criminal trespass charges in the past, Debo’s prior record also includes felonious assault, domestic violence, OVI, and hit-and-run charges. Records indicate that he may also use two different dates of birth and the alias Juston Tackett.

Anyone with information on Juston Gordon Debo is asked to contact Bill Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

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.

WANTED



JUSTON GORDON

DEBO

DOB: 7/9/1981 (Age 30) or 7/9/1987 (Age 24)

Height: 5'11" **Weight:** 165

Hair: Blonde **Eyes:** Blue

Last Known Address:

5433 Worthington Forest Pl.
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Case Number(s):

2012 CRB 002132

2012 CRB 005499

2012 CRB 005562

2012 CRB 007491

2012 CRB 008721

2012 CRB 009595

2012 TRD 121174 (Traffic Violation)

2012 TRD 133259 (Traffic Violation)

Charge(s):

2913.02(A1) – Theft (four counts)

2911.21 – Criminal Trespass (three counts)