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Police Arrest Fugitive of the Week

Woman wanted for causing disturbance on COTA bus, resisting arrest, and theft apprehended after being targeted by City Attorney's office

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that 42 year-old Marsha Alexander, named the “Fugitive of the Week” on December 19, has been arrested. Warrants were issued for Alexander’s arrest after she failed to appear in court to answer charges of causing a disturbance on a public transportation system, resisting arrest, and theft.

Alexander has more than 70 criminal counts on her record and was known to use several different aliases, four Social Security numbers, and six dates-of-birth. Her past criminal charges include dozens of counts of theft, felony drug possession, receiving stolen property, domestic violence, criminal trespassing, breaking and entering, identity theft, and assault.

“I want to commend the Columbus Police Strategic Response Bureau for working to apprehend this fugitive,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

The public transit incident arose out of Alexander’s reported anger over her bus driver taking what she considered to be too much time properly securing a passenger who used a wheelchair. She allegedly started screaming expletives at the bus driver and her disruptive behavior forced the bus to stop and wait for police assistance. Alexander continued to berate the bus driver and then directed her profanity at her fellow passengers and the police when they arrived at the scene. She was charged with misconduct on a public transportation system and resisted the police upon being arrested for her behavior.

Alexander was arraigned yesterday and sentenced to 28 days in jail after she pleaded guilty to the unrelated theft charge. A pre-trial hearing for the misconduct charge is scheduled for January 30. She can receive a sentence of up to 180 days if convicted.

“Had Ms. Alexander been able to sit still and wait patiently for a few minutes perhaps she wouldn’t be in this predicament,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on Pfeiffer’s behalf. “Now she’ll have no choice but to wait patiently while sitting in jail for the foreseeable future.”

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MARSHA L. ALEXANDER

(AKA Starlet Denise Turns, Startlet Turns, Starlet D. Turns, Marsha Davis, Angela D. Turns, Angela Turns, Angela Deborah Turns, Marsha Lois Alexander, and Marcia Alexander)

Last Known Address:

893 ½ E. Main St. Apt. 4
Columbus, OH 43204

DOB: 1/18/1969 (Age 42)

Height: 5'8" **Weight:** 220

Hair: Black **Eyes:** Brown

Case Numbers:

2011 CRB 015285
2011 CRB 025461

Charge(s):

2321.33 – Resisting Arrest
2317.41 – Misconduct Involving Public Transportation System
2913.02 – Theft