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Convicted Animal Abuser Wanted Again

Warrants reissued for west side resident after probation violation

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus' latest fugitive of the week is a familiar face in the office of City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

Christa Badgley, 28, of the Franklinton area was arrested last summer during a sweep of the city's 12 most wanted animal abuse suspects. Now she is wanted again, this time for violating probation. Warrants were issued for her arrest for violating probation in two unrelated cases, one stemming from her conviction on the eight counts of animal abuse with which the city successfully prosecuted her last August and another involving the violation of a protection order filed against her in September.

The City Attorney's office originally targeted Badgley and her mother, Charlotte Mae Badgley, after the duo had successfully evaded authorities since late 2011 when they were charged with abandoning 10 sick cats and two sick dogs in incomprehensible filth in a south side trailer home piled high with trash and debris and infested with lice and fleas.

“These animal abuse cases involved some of the most squalid living conditions our prosecutors had ever seen,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

As part of her guilty plea following her arrest last year, the younger Badgley was placed on probation for five years, ordered to surrender all animals she owned, prohibited from owning, harboring or keeping any animal for five years, and required to pay restitution to the Capital Area Humane Society in the amount of \$2842.00.

The court recently issued a revocation warrant against her after she violated several conditions of her probation, including:

- Getting convicted for violating the protection order against her.
- Failing to report to her probation officer.
- Failing to pay probation fees.
- Failing to pay restitution to the Capital Area Humane Society.
- Failing to complete community service.

“We’re probably doing Ms. Badgley a favor by trying to find her and arrest her again,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “A jail cell seems like the Beverly Hills Country Club compared to the inhuman living conditions of her previous residence.”

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CHRISTA
BADGLEY

DOB: 12/29/1985 (Age 28)

Height: 5'2" **Weight:** 169
Hair: Black **Eyes:** Brown

Last Known Address:
140 N. Warren Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43204

Case Number(s):
2011 ERB 074208
2013 CRB 020434

Original Charges:
2327.15 – Cruelty to Animals (four counts)
959.01 – Abandoning Animal (four counts)
2919.27 – Violation of Protection Order