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PUBLIC PRESSURE CONVINCES GRAFFITI VANDAL TO SURRENDER

Two out of four graffiti taggers sought by the City Attorney's office have been brought into custody in the last week

Columbus, Ohio—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that half of the individuals with outstanding arrest warrants for graffiti who were featured in his electronic newsletter have been arrested. Julian Menaged, 22, surrendered to authorities today after his family became aware of the media attention the City Attorney's office placed on him, Matthew Giamo, Andrew Jeffries, and Kyle C.J. Lamblez, who was the first to be arrested. Menaged was wanted on a probation revocation charge for failure to complete his court ordered community service stemming from his arrest on graffiti and possession of criminal tools. He performed eight out of the required 150 hours before violating his probation.

"The key to combating graffiti is to catch these vandals in the act," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. **"We were able to target Mr. Menaged and the others because they had been arrested previously for graffiti and either failed to appear in court or violated their probation."**

Menaged was originally arrested in July 2007.

"I want to acknowledge that Mr. Menaged took the preferable action of turning himself in," said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on behalf of Pfeiffer. **"I would advise individuals with outstanding warrants to seek legal counsel and walk into court under one's own volition rather than being brought to jail in handcuffs."**

Individuals with outstanding arrest warrants are highlighted through the "Fugitive of the Week" initiative, which is typically announced on the City Attorney's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts. Prosecutors then work with the Columbus Division of Police's Strategic Response Bureau on implementing a strategy to apprehend the fugitives.

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