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City Attorney Joins National Effort to Curb Drunk Driving

COLUMBUS, OH—To help highlight the [NHTSA](#)'s "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. is issuing an alert on four repeat OVI offenders who have a combined total of 10 previous drunk driving convictions and a slew of new charges against them.

One is accused of crashing into a utility pole after passing out at the wheel, then fleeing the scene on foot for a short distance before passing out again. Another is accused of rear-ending a vehicle and fleeing the scene, only to be found more than two and a half miles away at a gas station, slumped over the wheel. Another has at least four prior OVI convictions. All have outstanding arrest warrants and with St. Patrick's Day festivities right around the corner, City Attorney Pfeiffer is asking the public to be safe, smart, and on the lookout for a group of alleged drunk drivers his office is calling the "Repeat Offender Four."

"Whether it's St. Patrick's Day or anytime of the year, we're hoping to reduce the number of OVI incidents in Central Ohio," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

The "Repeat Offender Four" includes Charles King III of Reynoldsburg with two current warrants for his arrest and four previous OVI convictions. Mr. King's arrest record includes charges of felonious assault, aggravated menacing, domestic violence, and driving under suspension.

There's also Richard C. McWhirter, convicted of OVI in 2002 and 2006. McWhirter, whose last known address was on the west side of Columbus, also has been charged in the past with multiple counts of domestic violence and assault, menacing, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and aggravated vehicular assault.

"We are asking the public to help us locate these individuals and get them off the streets," said First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. "Hopefully it won't take the Luck of the Irish to keep these repeat offenders from endangering more people on our roadways."

The full list of the "Repeat Offender Four" and their charges can be found on the [City Attorney's web site](#).

Anyone with information regarding these individuals is asked to contact First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

Echoing the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" national campaign, the City Attorney's Office released a [public service announcement](#) last week.

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