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## Authorities Searching for ‘Soda Pop Swindler’ *Suspect wanted in Columbus, Dublin, and Grove City*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that a man who stole close to 100 cases of soft drinks during an eight-day carbonated crime spree is the latest fugitive of the week. Abdullah Alrawhana, 33, of the Dublin area has a total of nine warrants for his arrest, including five from Columbus, two from Grove City, and two from Dublin.

While Alrawhana appears to be an opportunistic thief, having been caught shoplifting items ranging from duffel bags to baby swings, he recently turned his attention toward stealing large quantities of soft drinks.

**“These types of theft cases may seem trivial when looked at in isolation,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “However, when considering the aggregate amounts, retail theft has a significant impact on the bottom line for merchants and consumers.”**

On March 4, 2014 Alrawhana stole 24 12-pack cases of *Pepsi* from a Dublin area Giant Eagle.

Three days later, he stole 25 cases of soda (10 *Pepsi*, nine *Mountain Dew*, three *Dr. Pepper*, and three *Orange Crush*) from a west side Family Dollar store. According to reports, Alrawhana duped an employee into allowing him to load the cases into his vehicle, an older model black Honda Civic, before paying. After loading up, Alrawhana simply drove away.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> he stole 18 cases of energy drinks from a Dublin area Kroger.

On March 12<sup>th</sup> Alrawhana stole 28 cases of *Mountain Dew* from a west side Kroger. He also was charged with criminal trespass.

**“Unless he has a serious *Mountain Dew* addiction, Mr. Alrawhana more than likely is stealing these soft drinks to sell under-the-table to convenience stores,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick.**

In addition to several counts of theft, Alrawhana’s past criminal history includes charges of aggravated robbery, passing bad checks, illegal tobacco distribution, stalking, aggravated menacing, domestic violence, and multiple protection order violations.

Anyone with information on Abdullah Alrawhana is asked to contact Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or [brhedrick@columbus.gov](mailto:brhedrick@columbus.gov).

# WANTED



**ABDULLAH**  
**ALRAWAHNA**

**AKA:** *The Soda Pop Swindler*

**DOB:** 1/1/1981 (Age 33)

**Height:** 5'9" **Weight:** 192  
**Hair:** Black **Eyes:** Brown

**Last Known Address:**  
7201 Hopewell St.  
Dublin, Ohio 43217

**Case Number(s):**

2013 CRB 031186 | 2014 CRB 000341 | 2014 CRB 003370 | 2014 CRB 005219  
2014 CRB 005667 | 2014 CRB 006225 | 2014 CRB 008900 | 2014 CRB 009768  
2014 TRD 105526

**Original Charges:**

2913.02(A1) – Theft (seven counts)  
2911.21 – Criminal Trespass (two counts)  
4510.11(A) – Driving Under Suspension