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‘Craigslist Con Man’ Strikes Again

City Attorney Issues Scam Alert to Warn Potential Victims

COLUMBUS, OH—A local man dubbed “The Craigslist Con Man” after he [scammed multiple victims via the popular classified advertising website last year](#), is apparently at it again following his release from jail.

Chad Edward Crosby has been named “Fugitive of the Week” by Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. for the second time in 18 months after a new warrant was issued for the 30-year-old Mifflin Township resident’s arrest.

“We are targeting this individual again for several reasons,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “We hope to receive credible information about his latest whereabouts, we want to prevent others from falling victim to his scams, and we want to remind the public to exercise caution whenever making these types of arrangements.”

Much like the cases that led to his conviction last year, Crosby is accused of using a Craigslist ad offering low-cost engine repair services to identify potential victims. The latest victim arranged for Crosby to repair his rototiller and reciprocator. Crosby picked up the equipment and received an advanced payment of \$120. For each of the next three days, Crosby asked for, and received, payments totaling \$220 under the guise of needing to purchase parts. The following week, Crosby requested another advanced payment of \$60.

The victim never heard from Crosby again. Given the payments and estimated value of the rototiller and reciprocator, reports indicate that the victim was scammed out of a total of \$630.

“A jail sentence oftentimes serves as a wake-up call for non-violent offenders, but it appears Mr. Crosby was just hitting the snooze button during his incarceration,” said First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the City Attorney’s fugitive apprehension program. “Our goal is to get Mr. Crosby off of Craigslist and back onto the jail list.”

Anyone who may have been scammed by Chad Edward Crosby, or who may have information on his current location, is asked to contact First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

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WANTED



CHAD EDWARD
CROSBY

DOB: 7/5/1984 (Age 30)

Height: 6'2" **Weight:** 160
Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Green

Last Known Address:
3909 Agler Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Case Number(s):
2014 CRB 022570

Charge(s):
2913.02(A1) – Theft