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## Child Endangering Suspect Arrested

*West side resident had two bench warrants for her arrest*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced that Mistie D. Springer will face justice after she was named one of Columbus’ most wanted child endangering suspects.

The 32-year-old Springer was arrested by Columbus Police following tips that poured in after the City Attorney’s office announced a public crackdown on child endangering.

**“We appreciate the public providing credible information about this individual and commend the Columbus Police Division’s responsiveness on these child endangering cases,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.**

Springer had two warrants issued for her arrest after she failed to appear in court to answer separate counts of child endangering and theft filed against her last year.

On September 13, 2013 Springer was charged with two counts of child endangering after police found her two children, ages two and three, wandering alone a block away from their home. One of the children was wearing shorts and sandals while the other was wearing only underwear and a t-shirt on a morning that reports described as “chilly,” with temperatures around 55 degrees.

Officers attempted to return the children to their home but found the house unoccupied with a window left wide open.

The children had been found in similar circumstances a month prior, when Springer had left them alone unsupervised and they wandered out into the street through the front door that was left ajar.

**“There are no excuses for a parent or guardian to leave two toddlers alone and unattended for any length of time,” said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “Thankfully nothing more tragic happened to these children.”**

Springer has a hearing scheduled later this month.

*Per state law, the City Attorney’s office prosecutes misdemeanor crimes, not felony offenses.*

# ARRESTED



**MISTIE D.**

# SPRINGER

**DOB:** 11/07/1981 (Age 32)

**Height:** 5'4"   **Weight:** 112  
**Hair:** Brown   **Eyes:** Green

**Last Known Address:**

189 S. Oakley Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43204

**Case Number(s):**

2013 CRB 022692  
2013 CRB 005753

**Criminal Charges:**

2919.22(A) – *Endangering Children (two counts)*  
2913.02(A1) – *Theft*