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# Vacuum Cleaner Crook Arrested

*Former “Fugitive of the Week” brought into custody this week*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. announced the arrest of Tommy Lee Hayhurst, a 36 year-old West side resident featured as the city’s “Fugitive of the Week” on January 19, 2012. Hayhurst was wanted on two outstanding arrest warrants after he failed to appear in court to answer theft charges filed against him.

**“Now that he’s been arrested again, Mr. Hayhurst will have the chance to have his day in court,”** said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. **“Hopefully he’ll show up this time.”**

Hayhurst allegedly was a member of a Dyson vacuum cleaner theft ring operating in Columbus. He was apprehended earlier this week after being recognized near the scene of one of his earlier crimes when he reportedly stole two Dyson vacuum cleaner display models from a local Sears store. He was a known suspect due to three prior occasions when he attempted to steal merchandise from the same location, but dropped the merchandise after noticing he was being observed.

His past criminal charges include assault, domestic violence, breaking and entering, felony drug possession, theft, receiving stolen property, OMVI, and disorderly conduct.

**“Having been targeted in January, perhaps Mr. Hayhurst thought he was going to enjoy a clean getaway,”** said Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the fugitive apprehension program on Pfeiffer’s behalf. **“However, we’re patient—we knew sooner or later he was going to get swept up by the authorities.”**

Hayhurst’s pre-trial hearing is scheduled for April 4 in Judge Anne Taylor’s courtroom.

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# ARRESTED



**TOMMY LEE**  
**HAYHURST**

**Last Known Address:**  
4663 Hilton Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43228

**DOB:** 10/8/1975 (Age 36)

**Height:** 5'11" **Weight:** 240

**Hair:** Brown **Eyes:** Brown

**Case Numbers:**  
2011 CRB 016031  
2011 CRB 029843

**Charge(s):**  
2913.02 – Theft (four counts)