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Arrest Warrants Issued for Local Man Known as the *'Boy Band Bandit'*

COLUMBUS, OH—A Central Ohio man, dubbed the “*Boy Band Bandit*” due to his boyish looks and feeble attempts at thug-like posturing, has been named “Fugitive of the Week” by Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

Nineteen year old Michael Allen Stanley of Columbus’ South Side has been charged with nine counts of theft and has three active warrants for his arrest after being accused of stealing thousands of dollars worth of DeWalt tool kits from *Lowe’s* stores throughout Franklin County. He also has been connected to thefts in Fairfield County.

“Retail theft is a constant challenge for local merchants,” said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. “It can be especially frustrating when a particular retail chain is repeatedly targeted over and over again.

On April 25, 2015, Stanley stole a DeWalt combo kit valued at \$349 from *Lowe’s* on Brice Road.

The next day, Stanley struck again as he stole another \$349 DeWalt combo kit from the Georgesville Road *Lowe’s*.

On May 1st, he stole a \$299 DeWalt combo kit from *Lowe’s* on Park Mill Run Drive.

On May 6th, he returned to the Brice Road *Lowe’s* to steal a \$549 DeWalt combo kit and then later in the day stole another DeWalt combo kit valued at \$199 from the Morse Crossing *Lowe’s*.

On May 9th, he stole \$299 worth of DeWalt tools from the Polaris Parkway *Lowe’s*.

On May 12, he returned to the Park Mill Run Drive *Lowe’s* to steal a \$299 DeWalt tool kit.

On June 3rd, he struck the Polaris Parkway *Lowe’s* again, stealing another \$299 DeWalt combo kit.

On June 8th, Stanley stole a DeWalt combo kit valued at \$549 from the South High Street *Lowe’s*.

“While Mr. Stanley may look like a boy band reject, he is behaving like a deliberate and prolific thief,” said First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick. “Plenty of thieves target specific items for resale on the black market, but Mr. Stanley seems to be taking ‘brand loyalty’ to a whole new level with his devotion to stealing DeWalt tools.”

Anyone with information on Michael Allen Stanley is asked to contact First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

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The Boy Band Bandit



**MICHAEL ALLEN
STANLEY**

DOB: 12/25/1995 (Age 19)

Height: 5'8" **Weight:** 150

Hair: Brown **Eyes:** Hazel

Last Known Address:

115 Kail Ave.

Columbus, Ohio 43207

Case Numbers:

2015 CRB 013612 | 2015 CRB 013613

2015 CRB 013614

Charge(s):

2913.02 – Theft (nine counts)