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With Halloween Approaching, 'Sweet Tooth Swindler' Still on the Prowl

COLUMBUS, OH—Forty-five year old Gary Lee Boling, Jr. struck days before Easter, stealing close to \$180 worth of Easter candy, and with store shelves now stocked full of Halloween treats, authorities are concerned that Boling may not be able to resist temptation.

Boling, an ex-felon dubbed the "Sweet Tooth Swindler" after he was caught stealing a shopping cart loaded with enough candy to make the Easter Bunny blush, has been named the latest "Fugitive of the Week" by Columbus City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

"We're not sure what would motivate a middle-aged man to steal such large quantities of candy, but we are hoping the public can help us bring him to justice," said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.

On March 24, 2015 security personnel at a South Side grocery store caught Boling walking past all points of sale and out the door with a cart piled high with Easter candy. Also buried in his chocolate bunny bounty was a bottle of Kamchatka vodka valued at \$8.99.

Two warrants were issued for Boling's arrest after he failed to appear in court to answer the criminal charges that were filed against him, including theft, operating a vehicle without a license and driving under suspension.

Records indicate that Boling's criminal history includes charges of felonious assault, criminal damaging, aggravated burglary, resisting arrest, endangering children, domestic violence, OVI, and multiple driving suspensions.

"Given Mr. Boling's criminally-inclined sweet tooth and his record of driving offenses, I'm just hoping he doesn't resort to stealing straight out of the bags of trick-or-treaters who come to his door this Halloween," said First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick, who leads the *JusticeNet* fugitive apprehension program on behalf of City Attorney Pfeiffer.

Anyone with information on Gary Lee Boling, Jr. is asked to contact First Assistant City Prosecutor Bill R. Hedrick at 614.645.8874 or brhedrick@columbus.gov.

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GARY LEE BOLING, JR.

DOB: 4/11/1970 (Age 45) **Height:** 5'9" **Weight:** 210 **Hair:** Blonde **Eyes:** Blue

Last Known Address: 9710 State Route 56 Williamsport, Ohio 43164

Case Numbers: 2015 CRB 009125 | 2015 TRD 118094

Charge(s):

2313.02 – Theft 2141.11(A) – Driving Under Suspension 2141.12(A1) – No Operator's License