

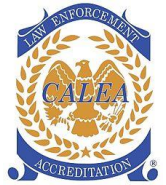


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CPD Property Crimes Unit Makes 53 Arrests, Clears 66 Cases

The Columbus Police Department's Property Crimes Unit made 53 arrests, cleared 66 cases, and filed 327 charges between May 22 - August 2, 2026. The reporting period covers the summer months, when increased activity throughout the community can contribute to higher reports of property-related crimes.

During this period, investigators handled a wide range of property-related offenses, including theft, burglary, entering auto, shoplifting, identity fraud, forgery, financial transaction card fraud, criminal damage and exploitation of an elderly person.

The following individuals were arrested:

Felton Dyous, 44

- Theft by Taking (F) x3
- 2nd Degree Criminal Damage x2
- 2nd Degree Burglary
- Possession of Tools for the Commission of a Crime

Michael Viggins, 44

- Criminal Attempt Burglary
- Theft by Taking (M)

Juvenile

- Theft by Taking (MV) x2
- Theft by Receiving Stolen Property
- Possession of a Handgun by a Person Under 18
- Theft by Bringing Stolen Property into State

Juvenile

- Theft by Taking (MV)

Craig Norris, 35

- Theft by Taking (F)
- Financial Transaction Card Fraud

Damian Grant, 46

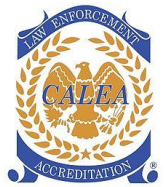
- Theft by Taking (F)
- 2nd Degree Criminal Damage to Property



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Taria Jones, 49

- Financial Transaction Card Fraud x3
- Financial Transaction Card Theft x2
- Theft by Taking (M)

Jacqueline Vanellison, 59

- Theft by Taking (F)
- Exploitation of an Elderly Person

Whitney Hall, 40

- Identity Fraud

Juvenile

- Entering Auto x2
- Theft by Taking (MV)

Askari Jackson, 50

- Identity Fraud
- Theft by Receiving Stolen Property (M)
- Giving a False Name
- Driving While License Suspended
- No Proof of Insurance
- Failure to Display State Tag (No Tag)
- Concealed License Plate

Michael Childs, 42

- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

Joseph Hart, 30

- Theft by Taking (F)
- Financial Transaction Card Theft x3
- Financial Transaction Card Fraud x6

Sedbrina Woods, 31

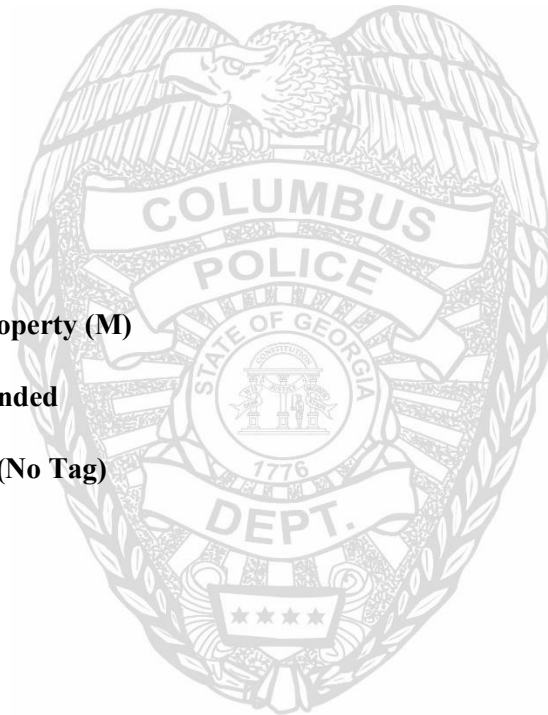
- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

Corey Lyles, 33

- 3rd Degree Forgery
- Theft by Deception (F)

Rebecca Bowman, 44

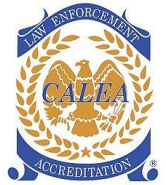
- Identity Fraud
- Exploitation of an Elderly Person





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- Financial Transaction Card Theft
- Financial Transaction Card Fraud

Robert Jones, 43

- Theft by Taking (F)
- Financial Transaction Card Theft
- Financial Transaction Card Fraud
- Exploitation of an Elderly Person
- 3rd Degree Forgery x3
- 4th Degree Forgery

Darnell Brown, 43

- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

Nicholas Scruggs, 40

- Theft by Deception (M)

Victoria Perez, 18

- Theft by Shoplifting (F) x2

Jomarie Nieves-Perez, 32

- Theft by Shoplifting (F)

Christina Tomlinson, 40

- Theft by Shoplifting (F)

Braxton Watkins, 40

- Theft by Shoplifting (F) x2

Lakeisha Watkins, 33

- Theft by Shoplifting (F) x3

Jaida Foster, 26

- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

Rupert Bellamy, 48

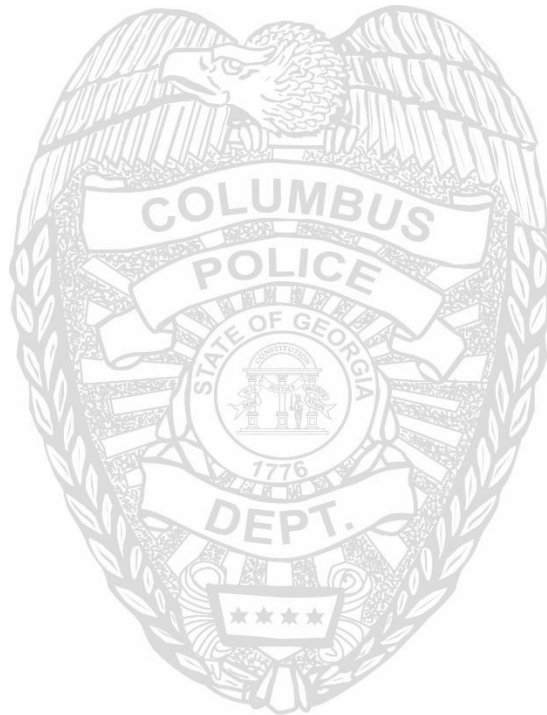
- Identity Fraud
- 2nd Degree Criminal Damage to Property

Miracle Williamson, 21

- Theft by Shoplifting (F)

Kayleigh Davis, 20

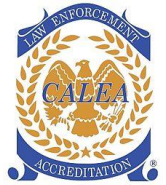
- 1st Degree Burglary
- Theft by Taking (F)





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Mia Ellis, 21

- 1st Degree Burglary
- Theft by Taking (F)

Juvenile

- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

Takarius Lovejoy, 17

- Entering Auto x34
- Theft by Taking (M) x12
- 2nd Degree Criminal Damage to Property x11
- Criminal Trespass x10
- Theft by Taking (F)

Juvenile

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Christina Waldrup, 42

- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

Robert Eury, 39

- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

Tashonda Stephens, 32

- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

Sydney Burns, 26

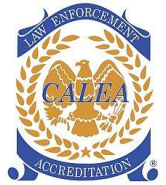
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- 2nd Degree Burglary x2
- Criminal Trespass x2
- Theft by Taking (F) x2

Raheem Blue Ellis, 17

- Theft by Taking (MV)
- 1st Degree Burglary
- Theft by Taking (M)
- Criminal Damage to Property

James Saxton, 22

- 3rd Degree Forgery x2
- Identity Fraud x2

Yolanda Lampkin, 37

- Identity Fraud

Latasha Finch, 27

- Theft by Taking (MV)

Ashley Canty, 37

- Theft by Taking (F)

Michael Stapler, 54

- Theft by Taking (M)

Dacorious Young, 32

- Theft by Conversion (F)

Joseph Rodriguez, 35

- Burglary
- Robbery
- Computer Theft
- Simple Battery

Jeremy Romero, 17

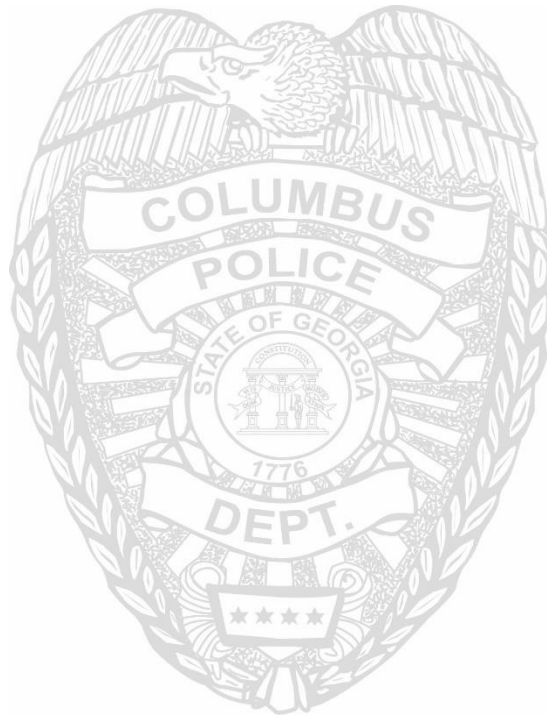
- 2nd Degree Burglary
- Theft by Taking (M)

Kara Sorce, 35

- Theft by Taking (M)

Love Bryant, 18

- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

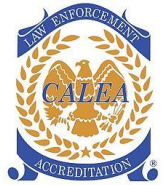




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Jeremiah Rogers, 17

- Theft by Shoplifting (M)

Debbie Warren, 56

- Financial Transaction Card Theft
- Financial Transaction Card Fraud
- Computer Invasion of Privacy
- Computer Forgery

Christopher Barringer, 41

- Identity Fraud

Property crimes can also be connected to broader criminal activity, including more serious offenses. Through these investigations, the Property Crimes Unit works to identify offenders, recover stolen property, and help prevent further crime. We will continue investigating these cases and holding those responsible accountable.

