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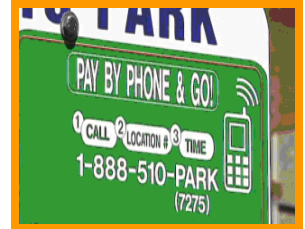
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Pay For DC Parking Meters by Cell Phone

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) launched the Pay by Phone pilot program that will eliminate the need for change for the meters. "This service will greatly improve the parking experience for many of our residents, because it's so simple to use," said DDOT Director Gabe Klein. "No one likes to carry a lot of change, but almost everyone has a cell phone, and all it takes is one call to pay for a meter." To sign up for this program, go to paybyphone.com or by calling 1-888-510-PARK (7275).



How Do I Sign Up?

First time users simply need to set up a FREE account. You can do this by calling 1-888-380-7275 (PARK) or online at paybyphone.com

How Does It Work?

Pay by phone parking is convenient, easy and safe. Here is how it works:

1. Call 1-888-510-7275 (PARK)
2. Enter Location # (posted on parking meters)
3. Enter Number of Minutes

Maps of the specific blocks where Pay by Phone payments will be accepted will be posted on the DDOT website at www.ddot.dc.gov . http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/web_links/pay-for-dc-parking-meters-by-cell-phone-040910

DC Police Investigate Stabbing Death of Woman

A 25-year-old woman was found stabbed to death Sunday morning in a parking lot in the 300 block of 30th Street, SE. Police had been called to the scene at about 2:15 a.m. and found the woman lying on the ground with a stab wound. D.C. Fire and EMS personnel responded and found no signs of life. At about 4:45 p.m., she was pronounced dead. The victim was identified as Barbara Lateya Smith, of no fixed address. **Anyone with information about this case is asked to call police at (202) 727-9099 or 1-888-919-2746. The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to \$25,000 to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia.** <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/19672/year/2010>

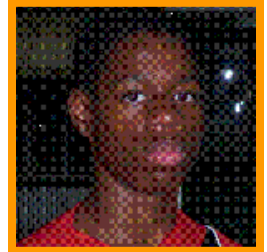
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Missing Person: Darrell Cousar

The Metropolitan Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating a missing person identified as **16-year old-Darrell Cousar**. He was last seen on Thursday, March 18, 2010 in the Anacostia area, SE. Darrell Cousar is described as a black male, 5'10" in height, weighs approximately 145 pounds, brown eyes, with medium complexion and black hair. He was last seen wearing a gray coat, blue pants and white shirt. Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Darrell Cousar is asked to call police at (202) 727-9099. <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/19655/year/2010>

(NCR BOLO)



Mother and Child Killed in Alexandria

Alexandria Police are searching for a man they believe murdered his own 3-year-old daughter and the child's mother. 34-year-old Simon Bahta Asfeha is now wanted for first-degree murder in the deaths of 27-year old Seble Tessema and their child. Police were called out to the Brent Place apartments off of 375 S. Reynolds Street around 10:30 a.m. for reports of a domestic disturbance. Instead, they found the bodies of the mother and child. Asfeha is reportedly driving a 1999 silver Acura with Virginia tags XKS-1522. Anyone with information is asked to call the Criminal Investigations Section of the Alexandria Police Department at 703.838.4444 or the Crime Solvers tip line at (703) 838-4858. Detectives would like to remind witnesses that they remain anonymous.

(NCR BOLO)



<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local-beat/Mother-and-Child-Killed-in-Alexandria-90581759.html>

Toyota Stops Sales of Lexus GX460 Over Safety Concerns

Toyota says it will temporarily stop selling the Lexus GX460. The automaker will suspend the sales while it conducts its own test for rollover safety. Owners with concerns about driving their GX460 can take the vehicle back to their dealer. The dealer will provide a free loaner car for as long as it takes Toyota to fix the problem. The move comes on the heels of a Consumer Reports warning not to buy the Lexus GX460. The non-profit organization says the SUV carries an unusually high risk of a rollover accident during certain types of turns. In handling tests, the seven-seat SUV slid until it was nearly sideways before the electronic stability control system regained control. Toyota has sold about 5,000 GX460s in the three months since it went on sale. It is not covered by Toyota's faulty gas-pedal recalls.

(Public Safety Initiative)



<http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=99921&catid=158>

Qaeda Group Threatens to Attack World Cup

The North African terror group al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb has threatened to attack this summer's World Cup games in South Africa. "How amazing could the match United States vs. Britain be when broadcasted live on air at a stadium packed with spectators when the sound of an explosion rumbles through the stands, the whole stadium is turned upside down and the number of dead bodies are in their dozens and hundreds, Allah willing," read a statement the group published in a recent issue of the Jihadi online magazine Mushtaqun Lel Jannah (Longing to Paradise). In addition to the U.S. and U.K. teams, the teams representing France, Germany, and Italy are also on the group's list of targets. The group said they would use some undetectable explosive that will be able to circumvent security checkpoints at the games. The statement appeared to directly challenge FIFA's president. "All the security checks and X-ray machines that America will be sending after reading this article would not be capable of detecting how those explosives made it into the stadium and that for a simple reason that we will be announcing in due course," the statement says.

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-503543_162-20001940-503543.html



Analyst note: South Africa will host the 2010 World Cup, the first tournament to be held on the African continent. Fifa have released details of the venues and match dates for the nineteenth playing of the competition. Read more at Suite101:

http://internationalsoccer.suite101.com/article.cfm/2010_world_cup_schedule#ixzz0l5s1eAQj

Report Finds Significant Weakness in FDA Food Inspections (Public Health Initiative)

There are "significant weaknesses" in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) program to inspect domestic food facilities, according to a new federal report. The report said the FDA needs to increase the number of domestic food inspections to keep up with food-borne outbreaks. "The findings demonstrate that more needs to be done to protect public health and to ensure that FDA has the necessary tools to prevent outbreaks of food-borne illness," a Health and Human Services inspector general said. The report indicated that more than 300,000 Americans are hospitalized and roughly 5,000 die annually after consuming contaminated foods and beverages. The report suggested that the FDA may need to request more authority from Congress to gain access to records from more companies. It noted that food facilities with a history of serious violations have, at times, refused to give the FDA access. A bill that would give the FDA more powers, including the authority to force companies to recall products, has been stalled in the Senate.

<http://www.lloyds.com/CmsPhoenix/DowJonesArticle.aspx?id=453126>

Global Incident Map Weekend Incident Update

- AFGHANISTAN - 2 Italians Among 9 Held In Alleged Plot To Kill Afghan Provincial Governor
- AFGHANISTAN - Militants Attacks Indian Camp In Eastern Afghanistan
- AFGHANISTAN - Rockets Hit Afghan Town During Karzai Visit
- AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Bombers Attack Afghan Government Buildings
- AFGHANISTAN - Three Terrorist Bands Arrested In Afghan Capital
- AFGHANISTAN - Roadside Bomb Kills 4 - Wounds 14 In South Afghanistan
- AFGHANISTAN - US-Led Soldier Killed In Roadside Bomb Explosion In Southern Afghanistan
- ALABAMA - Suspected Bomb Detonated Near Danville
- ARIZONA - Man Accused Of Threatening To Blow Up Bus
- BANGLADESH - 2 Alleged Extremists Killed

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

CHINA - School Student Splashes Acid On 18 Classmates
COLOMBIA - Arms Supplier For FARC And Drug Lords Nabbed In Colombia
DJIBOUTI - US Navy Holds 6 Suspected Pirates After Battle
EGYPT - Riot Police In Egypt Prevent Protest At Kuwait Embassy
GREECE - 6 Charged With Left-Wing Terrorism In Greece
GREECE - Greek Police Apprehends Suspects Of Terrorism Links
INDIA - Bomb Scare Forces Jet Airways Flight To Land At Varanasi
INDIA - Cops Set To Tackle Terror
INDIA - Filipino Insurgents In League With Maoists
INDIA - LeT Sympathiser Held In Doda
INDIA - Maoists Blast School - Hospital Buildings - Community Hall
INDIA - Maoists Blow Up Culvert In Orissa
INDIA - Maoists Blow Up School Building In Bihar's Aurangabad District
INDIA - Maoists Gun Down Sawmill Owner In Orissa
INDIA - Maoists Threaten To Kill Former Army Man In Patna
INDIA - Maoists Using ULFA Links For Base In Assam
INDIA - Maoists Warn Of More Dantewada Type Attacks
INDIA - Myanmar's KIA Helping Northeast Rebels To Create Bases In China
INDIA - One Hand Grenade Recovered Near A Shop In Jammu And Kashmir
INDIA - Over 1 Tonne Of Explosives Seized From A Van At Mahe Border Bridge In Kannur
INDIA - Parcel Bomb Blast At Jamia Nagar - One Wounded
INDIA - Radiation Leakage In Delhi Panics Indian Nuclear Establishment
INDIA - Third Pakistani Boat Seized In Four Days
INDIA - Two Die While Making Bombs
INDIA - Union Home Minister Asks People In Coastal Areas To Be Alert
INDONESIA - Aceh Police Announce More Arrests Following Medan Arrest
INDONESIA - Indonesian police arrest 6 suspected terrorists
INDONESIA - Six Arrested Terrorists Plan To Blow Cikeas
IRAN - Updated - Bomb Blast Near Iran Jail - 19 Wounded
IRAQ - 2 Killed - 13 Wounded In Mosul Car Bomb Blast
IRAQ - 2 Policemen - Army Soldier Killed In IED Blast Near Mosul
IRAQ - Bomb Kills 3 School Children In Iraq's Diyala
IRAQ - Bombings Kill 6 Across Iraq - Including Child
IRAQ - Home-Made Rocket Defused In Kirkuk
IRAQ - IED Kills Iraqi Soldier - Child In Ninewa
IRAQ - Katyusha Hits Nearby Area To Green Zone
IRAQ - Two Saudi Suicide Bombers Killed In Iraqi-US Raid
IRELAND - Viable Explosive Device Found In Dublin
ISRAEL - Holon Youths Arrested After Throwing Stun Grenade From Car
ISRAEL - Palestinian Security Services Uncovers 17 Bombs In West Bank - Transfers Them To IDF
ISRAEL - Updated - Two Kassam Rockets Landed In West Negev - No One Was Injured
KYRGYZSTAN - US Urges Citizens Not To Travel To Kyrgyzstan Amid Deadly Demonstrations
LEBANON - Percussion Bomb Wounds Syrian In Al-Bass Palestinian Refugee Camp
MARYLAND - Hazmat Crews Investigate Suspicious Package
MEXICO - 8 Slain At Miguel Aleman Bar
MEXICO - Bomb Damages US Consulate In Nuevo Laredo - No Injuries
NEW ZEALAND - Family Escapes Suspected Molotov Cocktail Fire
NIGERIA - Nigerian Military Issues Alert On Plans To Attack Shell Facilities

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

NORTHERN IRELAND - IRA Car Bomb Explodes Outside British Spy Agency Headquarters In N Ireland
PAKISTAN - Air Strike Kills 60 In Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - Bomb Disposal Squad Defuses Suicide Jacket - 2 Suspects Held
PAKISTAN - Boys School Blown Up In Upper Dir
PAKISTAN - Clashes In Pakistan Kill 40 Militants - Four Soldiers
PAKISTAN - Explosives Recovered Near Swat Mosque
PAKISTAN - Frontier Corps Men Escape Bomb Attack
PAKISTAN - Gas Pipeline Blown Up In Mastung
PAKISTAN - Gunmen Attack Police Convoy In Mardan
PAKISTAN - Gunships Kill 12 Militants In Pakistan's Tribal Area
PAKISTAN - Terrorist Killed Shia Leader Tahir Abbas Shah At Shikarpur
PAKISTAN - Terrorists May Attack Foreign Missions - Nationals
PAKISTAN - Two Children Injured In Bomb Blast
PHILIPPINES - Bomb Near Cotabato Residential Area Found
PHILIPPINES - Grenade Blast Injures 4 In Zambo Sibugay Sortie
PHILIPPINES - Rebels Ambush Army Troops - Hit Chopper In Davao City
RUSSIA - Car Bomb Kills Police Officer In North Caucasus
RUSSIA - Judge Shot Dead - Assassin Fled Scene
RUSSIA - Three Police Officers Killed In Clash In Russia's North Caucasus
RWANDA - One Killed - 4 Injured In City Grenade Attack
SERBIA - Man Hijacks Taxi - Activates Bomb
SEYCHELLES - Somali Pirates Hijack Cargo Ship Near Seychelles
SOUTH KOREA - DPRK Warns South Korea Against Anti-North Campaign
SWEDEN - Powerful Bomb Blast At Malmo Research Centre - No Casualties Reported
THAILAND - 10 Soldiers Injured In Gunfire In Bangkok
THAILAND - 28 Thai soldiers Held Hostage By Red-Shirts
THAILAND - Government House Hit By M79 Grenade
THAILAND - Grenade Blast At Crime Suppression Division Police Headquarters
THAILAND - Hong Kong Cancels Tours To Thailand Until April 21
THAILAND - Hong Kong Raises The Travel Alert For Bangkok To Black
THAILAND - Israeli Foreign Ministry Increases Warning on Thailand Travel
THAILAND - Motorbike Bomb Wounds 4 In Narathiwat
THAILAND - Terrorists Caused Saturday Violence - Prime Minister
THAILAND - Thai Clashes Injury Toll Rises To 521
THAILAND - Thai Troops - Protesters Clash With Petrol Bombs
THAILAND - Updated - 15 Dead - 678 Injured In Clashes In Bangkok
UNITED KINGDOM - Bomb Alert At Police Station After Suspicious Package Is Found
UNITED KINGDOM - Suitcase Left Outside Army Barracks Sparks Bomb Alert
UNITED KINGDOM - Two Arrested After Bomb Explosion In Chadwick Road - Eastleigh
UNITED STATES - Obama Warns Of Terrorists Gaining Nuclear Arms
UNITED STATES - US Wants Nations To Help Lock Down Nuclear Materials Within 4 Yrs
VIRGINIA - Chesterfield Police Investigate Bomb Threat
YEMEN - Subversive Elements Shot At Oil Pipeline Junction - Attack Possibly Averted

Resources

GlobalIncidentMap.com

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

DomesticTerrorMap.com

Washington DC Links

Live Traffic Reports <http://www.ddot.dc.gov/traffic>

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency <http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp>

DC Department of Health <http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp>

Sign-up for Alerts <https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/index.php?CCheck=1>

To request a DC Government Service, call 311 or 202-727-1000, also online at <http://src.dc.gov>



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