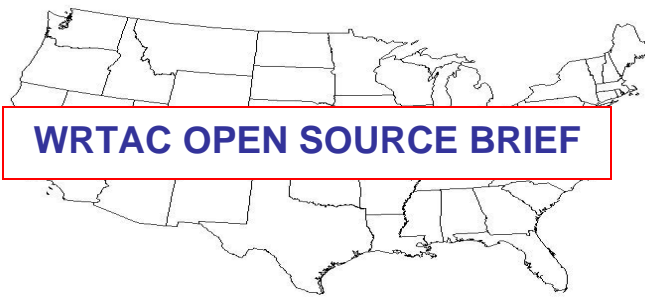


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DC Area Police Looking For Witness to Texas Shooting

Washington-area police are searching for a man believed to be a witness to the shooting death of a college student in Texas. Investigators want to talk with Khiry McCullum who they believe was at an off-campus party April 17 near Texas Southern University in Houston. A fight broke out, and gunman fired numerous times into a crowd at the party. Eighteen-year-old Joshua McMackle of Front Royal, Va., died. Houston police believe McCullum is back in the D.C. area.



He drives a 2005 blue-green Dodge Magnum with Maryland license plates: 2EDH33. Police call McCullum a person of interest and say no charges have been filed in the case. Houston police ask that anyone who has seen McCullum or his car call them at (713) 308-3600

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=100517&catid=187>

Puerto Rico's Birth Certificate Fiasco

The government of Puerto Rico is invalidating every birth certificate issued on the island before July 1, 2010, in an attempt to curb rampant fraud and identity theft that officials say has ruined lives, strained social service programs and compromised national security. Each of Puerto Rico's 4 million residents and the estimated 1.2 million Puerto Rico-born Americans living in the 50 states will have to apply for new vital documents to legally prove that they exist and remain eligible for government benefits. It's a radical solution to what many say has been a serious and growing crisis involving Puerto Rican birth certificates, which are used to apply for everything from U.S. passports to Medicaid. The U.S. State Department and Homeland Security Department estimate that an astonishing 40 percent of all U.S. passport fraud cases in recent years involved Puerto Rican birth certificates, though exact numbers are unknown.



Citizens born in Puerto Rico but residing elsewhere may obtain a copy of the new birth certificate by filling out a Birth Certificate Application form from the Puerto Rico Vital Statistics Record office on or after July 1, 2010. Application forms can be obtained at: <http://www.prfaa.com/birthcertificates/>
<http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/national/puerto-rico-birth-certificates-reissued-20100302-lgf>

Ford to Recall 33,256 Vehicles to Fix Seat Fault

(Public Safety)

Ford Motor Co will recall 33,256 of its 2010 model year cars and SUVs to replace potentially faulty front seat recliner mechanisms that could lead to injuries in an accident, according to a notice filed with U.S. safety regulators. Ford notified the U.S. Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the potential defect by letter dated April 16. Ford said it knew of no reports of accidents or injuries due to the defect as of April 14. The automaker said it expects to begin notifying owners of the recall by letter on April 30.



The recall covers some 2010 Ford Fusion and related Mercury Milan sedans built from December 11 through February 3 in Hermosillo, Mexico, and some 2010 Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer SUVs built from December 15 through February 3 in Louisville, Kentucky. The recall notice was posted on the NHTSA website within the past day. <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE63M3YT20100423>

FDA Issues Class I Recall Of Lifepak 15 External Defibrillators

(Public Health)

The Food and Drug Administration has issued a class 1 recall of the "LIFEPAK 15 Monitor/Defibrillator" (Physio-Control, Redmond, WA) [1]. The recall affects devices manufactured and distributed between March 26, 2009 and December 15, 2009. **Class 1 recalls are the most serious type of recall and involve situations in which there is a reasonable probability that use of these products will cause serious injury or death.**



With the LIFEPAK monitor/defibrillator, there is potential for the device to power off and on by itself, to power off and not turn back on again, to turn off and require the operator to turn it back on, or to stay powered on

and not allow itself to power off. In September, as reported by [heartwire](http://www.heartwire.com), the FDA issued another class 1 recall of the "LIFEPAK CR Plus" automated external defibrillators. With those devices, a humid environment was thought to cause the devices to improperly analyze the heart rhythm, resulting in a delay or failure to deliver therapy. In June 2005, the FDA issued a warning letter to Medtronic describing persistent problems with the cable connectors and wiring on the company's "LifePak 12" external cardiac defibrillators. Medtronic has partnered with Physio-Control since 1998 to manufacture and distribute these devices.

The FDA said healthcare professionals should report adverse events or side effects related to the LIFEPAK 15 monitor/defibrillator to the [MedWatch](http://www.medwatch.fda.gov) Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program. <http://www.theheart.org/article/1069773.do>

Fungus Cryptococcus Gattii: The Facts [UPDATE]

(Public Health)

New studies of the Cryptococcus Gattii fungus are leading to increased awareness of the disease, which can be dangerous to anyone but it is **largely only a life-or-death concern for those with weak immune systems.** Some media outlets around America are naming the Cryptococcus Gattii fungus as "deadly" and "killer" but how severe, in fact, is this disease? The fungus is indeed spreading in the United States and Canada, originally being restricted to Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada, until 2003. A recently derived strain of the virus spreading through Oregon has a lethality rate of about 25 percent. **In a national or continental context, the fungus has only just spread into Northern California, making it not a threat to the vast majority of North Americans.** The Cryptococcus Gattii fungus is a worthy adversary for doctors who are looking to identify symptoms. The reported incubation time for the fungus is around six months, so it is not easy to know how patients contracted the spores, and how to avoid those areas. www.theepochtimes.com/n2/content/view/34080/

Salmonella Outbreak Traced to Raw Tuna

(Public Health NCR NEXUS)

The Hawaii State Department of Health announced yesterday that it has confirmed 10 cases of Salmonella Paratyphi B infection related to the consumption of previously frozen internationally imported raw ahi tuna at various locations on Oahu. According to the Hawaiian Health Department, at least 13 laboratory-confirmed S. Paratyphi B cases have been reported in five other states: California (7), Maryland (2), Pennsylvania (2), Massachusetts (1), and New York (1). Public health agencies in all states are working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to determine whether all ill individuals were exposed to raw ahi prior to becoming ill with salmonellosis. "The Department of Health is concerned about these cases that are similar to a cluster of cases we investigated two years ago," said Hawaii's health director. "With the help of the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration], we hope to identify the source so we can prevent any further illness." The Hawaii health department investigated a similar salmonella outbreak in between October 2007 and February 2008. <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2010/04/salmonella-outbreak-traced-to-raw-tuna/>



Overall Flu Deaths Down During H1N1 Pandemic

(Public Health)

Although experts are not sure to what degree, seasonal flu cases and deaths dropped in Maryland and nationwide this year, during the height of the novel H1N1 pandemic. Epidemiologists all over the world think next flu season's primary strain will mutate around H1N1, or swine flu. Although officials and health professionals do not know how strong the 2010-2011 flu season will be, they are encouraging vaccination. ... According to a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association, about 36,000 Americans die from seasonal flu in an average year. That would translate to about 600 to 1,000 people in Maryland. This year, 45 people in Maryland and an estimated 12,000 people in the United States died from novel H1N1.



www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-flu-h1n1-deaths-20100424,0,4788741.story

FTC Warns Against Credit-Card, Interest-Rate Reduction Scams

(Cyber Crime TTP)

U.S. consumers are being inundated with prerecorded "robocalls" from companies claiming they can negotiate lower credit-card interest rates – for a fee. The Federal Trade Commission urges extreme skepticism about these offers, because many of them are fraudulent. In a new consumer alert, Credit Card Interest Rate Reduction Scams, the FTC said consumers have just as much clout with their credit card issuers as these companies do. It urges consumers to avoid paying middlemen, and negotiate directly with the credit-card companies.



http://www.foodconsumer.org/newsite/Nonfood/Miscellaneous/credit_card_interest_rate_reduction_scams_2404100850.html

Global Incident Map Weekend Summary

AFGHANISTAN - 2 Bomb Explosions Kill 2 In Kandahar
AFGHANISTAN - 80 Schoolgirls Sickened In A Week - Likely Caused By Terrorists
AFGHANISTAN - About 100 Foreign Militants Infiltrate Into Afghanistan
AFGHANISTAN - Airstrike Kills Taliban Commander - 2 Advisors In Northern Afghanistan
AFGHANISTAN - Angry Local Protesters Attack NATO Convoy - Set Fire On 5 Oil Tankers
AFGHANISTAN - Helicopter Comes Under Fire - Emergency Landing
AFGHANISTAN - NATO Troops Kill Insurgents Near Afghan Capital
AFGHANISTAN - Suicide Vest Bomber Kills 3 At Bazaar In Shah Joy District
AFGHANISTAN - Third Bomb Explosion Rocks Kandahar In South Afghanistan
AUSTRALIA - Petrol Bomb Hurlled At Toorak Home
AUSTRIA - Russia's Vienna Embassy Catches Fire
BANGLADESH - 13 Bombs Recovered In Jatra Bari
BANGLADESH - Terror Kingpin Brit Muslim Curry Boss Arrested In Bangladesh Home
CANADA - Bomb Threat Unnerves University Of The Pacific Campus
CANADA - Security Scare Delays Montreal Flight To London
COLOMBIA - FARC Militants Kill Soldier - Torch 3 Trucks
COLOMBIA - Guerrilla Attack Leaves Soldier Dead
COLOMBIA - Guerrillas Torch 3 Trucks
ETHIOPIA - Restaurant Bomb Explosion Kills 5 Injures 20
INDIA - 4 Grenades Seized - Suspected LeT Member Arrested
INDIA - 4 Killed In Violence In India-Controlled Kashmir
INDIA - Bomb Scare At 3 Shopping Malls
INDIA - Bombs Greet Trinamul Congress Leaders Visit - 4 Bombs At School
INDIA - CPI-M Supporter Shot Dead By Maoists
INDIA - CRPF Man Shot Dead By Militants
INDIA - Fourteen Passengers Injured In Bomb Explosion
INDIA - Government Quarters Razed As Maoist Bandh Begins In Orissa
INDIA - Hoax Bomb Calls In New Delhi At Airport And Rail Station
INDIA - Maoist Shutdown Affects Train Services In Jharkhand
INDIA - Maoist Strike Hits Bus Services
INDIA - Maoists Blow Up Bridge In Orissa
INDIA - Maoists Blow Up Health Centre - Training Unit In Bihar
INDIA - Maoists Destroy Government Buildings
INDIA - Maoists Shot At CPI-M Cadre In West Bengal
INDIA - Maoists Torch Vehicles - Block Roads In Andhra Pradesh
INDIA - Myanmar Insurgent Arrested
INDIA - Naxals Call For Two-Day Bandh Across Three States
INDIA - Powerful Grenade Found At Manipur officials Home
INDIA - Shatabdi Express Train Delayed Due To Hoax Bomb Call
INDIA - Two CRPF Jawans Injured In Naxal Attack
INDIA - Two Militants - Two Cops Killed In Punjab Border Shootout
INDIA - Two Securitymen Injured In Encounter With Militants
IRAN - Iran To Buy Uranium From Zimbabwe In Return For Oil In Secret Deal
IRAQ - 3 Iraqi Policemen Seriously Hurt In Bomb Blast

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IRAQ - Car Bomb Blast Kills 1 - Wounds 5 In Baghdads Mansour District
IRAQ - Iraqi Soldier Wounded In IED Blast In Mosul
IRAQ - Roadside Bomb In Fallujah Targets Convoy Of Governors Advisor
IRAQ - Triple Bombing Kills 3 Injures 19 At Baghdad Pool Hall
ISRAEL - IDF Arrests 5 Wanted Palestinians In West Bank
ISRAEL - Palestinian Al-Quds Brigades Fire RPG At Israeli Artillery Forces
ISRAEL - Three Explosive Devices Found By Gaza Security Fence
ISRAEL - Israeli Army Kills Hamas Militant In Hebron
MALAYSIA - Suspected Pirates Kill Thai Fisherman In Malaysian Waters
MEXICO - 20 Die In Drug-Related Violence In Mexico
MEXICO - Gunmen With Grenades Kill 4 Injure 10 In Ambush Of Security Convoy
MOROCCO - Morocco Says It Dismantled Al Qaeda Cell
MYANMAR - Security Measures Tightened Across Yangon Following Bomb Attacks
NEPAL - ANNISU-R Activists Torch School Buses
NEPAL - Maoist Strike Closes Thousands Of Schools In Nepal
NEPAL - Maoists Threaten Nationwide May Strike
NEPAL - Maoists To Retaliate If May 1 Agitation Suppressed
NEW YORK - Man Enters Theater Claiming To Have Bomb - False Alarm
NORTH CAROLINA - Armed Man In Suspicious Vehicle Arrested At Airport As Obama Departs
NORTH KOREA - NK Threatens To Use Nuclear Weapons If Invaded Over SK Ship Sinking
PAKISTAN - 10 Policemen Injured In Roadside Bomb Attack In Northwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - 12 Tankers Carrying Oil To NATO Troops Attacked
PAKISTAN - 3 Militant Houses Blown Up - 1 Arrested - 37 Lay Down Arms
PAKISTAN - 3 Officials Killed In Dera Murad Jamal Attack
PAKISTAN - 42 Al Qaeda Terrorist Suspects Arrested In Quetta Raids
PAKISTAN - Bomb Hoax At Benazir Bhutto International Airport
PAKISTAN - Nine People Injured In Sibi Bomb Explosion
PAKISTAN - Swat Taliban Claims responsibility For Timergara Suicide Bombing - Target Killings
PAKISTAN - US Drone Attack Kills 5 In Northwest Pakistan
PERU - 1000 Doses Of Swine Flu Vaccine Stolen In Lima
PHILIPPINES - Bomb Blast Hits Sarangani Governors Convoy Before Gibo visit
PHILIPPINES - Militiaman Killed - 3 Hurt In Davao Sur Clash
RUSSIA - Bomb Defused In Southern Russia Outside Police Station
SOMALIA - 3 Soldiers Killed In Roadside Bomb Blast
SOMALIA - 9 Killed - 41 Injured In Somalia Battle
SOMALIA - EU Naval Force Captures 2 Pirate Boats
SOMALIA - Heavily Armed Pirates Attack Oil And Chemical Tankers
SOMALIA - Roadside Bomb Blast Kills Two Government Soldiers In Mogadishu
SOMALIA - Spanish navy captures 8 Somali pirates
SOUTH AFRICA - SMS Messages Warn Of Calls For Blacks To Kill As Many Whites As Possible On Tuesday
SUDAN - 2 Election Officials Kidnapped Amid Tight Security
SUDAN - Clashes in Sudan kill 58 - Raise Tension On Border
SWITZERLAND - Information Released On 3 Detained Plotting Attack On IBM With Explosives
TEXAS - Dozens of White Powder Letters Appear Related To Those Sent To Embassies - Governors - School

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THAILAND - 14 Soldiers Wounded In Landmine Explosion
THAILAND - 4 Bomb Blasts Hit Construction Workers And Troops In Yala
THAILAND - Bomb Blast Hits Police HQ In Chiang Mai
THAILAND - Grenade Attack At Former Prime Ministers House Injures 6
THAILAND - Homemade Bomb Spotted In Front Of Chulalongkorn Hospital - False Alarm
THAILAND - NATION TV Receives Bomb Threat Call
THAILAND - One Killed - Four Wounded In Gun Attack In Pattani
THAILAND - Roadside Bomb Blast Injures Villager In South
TURKEY - 2 Soldiers Killed As Landmine Hits Military Vehicle Crossing A Bridge In Northern Turkey
UNITED KINGDOM - Alert Over Suspicious Aircraft Activity In Kent
UNITED KINGDOM - Birmingham - London - Liverpool On Terrorist Hitlist
UNITED KINGDOM - Pipe Bomb Found At Homebase - Newtownabbey Store
YEMEN - 1 Killed In Bomb Explosion Near Convoy Of British Ambassador To Yemen
YEMEN - British Embassy In Yemen Shut After Bombing
YEMEN - Security Forces Surround Mareb Area After RPG Lands At Oil Station

Resources

GlobalIncidentMap.com

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

DomesticTerrorMap.com

Washington DC Links

Live Traffic Reports [Hhttp://www.ddot.dc.gov/traffic](http://www.ddot.dc.gov/traffic)

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency [Hhttp://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp](http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp)

DC Department of Health [Hhttp://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp](http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp)

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