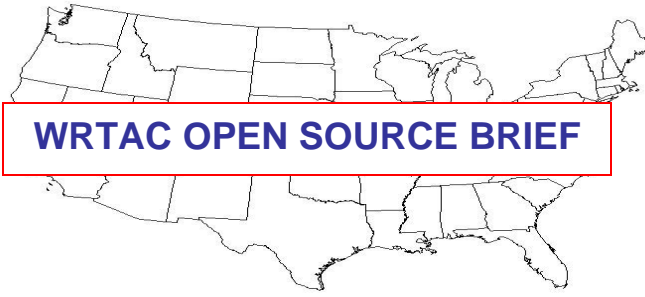


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**Man in Burqa robs Md. Bank**

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Major Crimes Division - Robbery Section and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are investigating a bank robbery that occurred late this afternoon in the Briggs Chaney area of Silver Spring. At approximately 4:23 p.m. today, officers from the 3rd District responded to the TD Bank located at 3132 Briggs Chaney Road for the report of a bank robbery that had just occurred. The preliminary investigation revealed that a male suspect entered the bank, displayed a gun and demanded cash. He obtained an undisclosed amount of cash and fled on foot in an unknown direction. No one was injured during the incident. **The suspect is described as an unknown race male with a Middle Eastern accent, late 20's to early 30's, and 5'10" to 6' tall. He was wearing a long black burqa (an article of clothing worn to cover females from head to foot, with openings for eyes and hands.), blue jeans, and tan boots. A silver vehicle, possibly a Chevrolet, was observed leaving the scene of the robbery.** Anyone who has information about this bank robbery

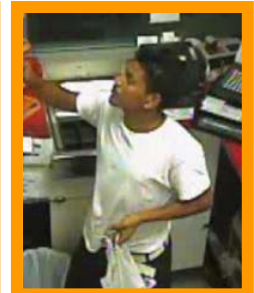


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and/or the suspect involved is asked to call the Robbery Section at 240-773-5100. Those who wish to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers of Montgomery County toll-free at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477). [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA\\_details.asp?NaID=5569](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA_details.asp?NaID=5569)

**Gaithersburg Burglary Suspect Sought**

On July 25 at approximately 6:22 a.m., 6th District officers responded to the Quince Orchard Shell Plaza, located at 600 Quince Orchard Road in Gaithersburg, for the report of a burglary. Sometime between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., the suspect broke into the Shell station and stole cash, cigarettes, and propane cylinders. **The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, in his 20's, with short dark hair. He was wearing a white tee-shirt, dark colored pants, and a white belt. He was driving a white Ford work van with a ladder roof rack and a reinforced external lock on the side panel doors.** Anyone who has information about this suspect, the vehicle involved, or this burglary is asked to call the 5th/6th District Investigative Section at 240-773-6254 or the Montgomery County Police non-emergency number at 301-279-8000.

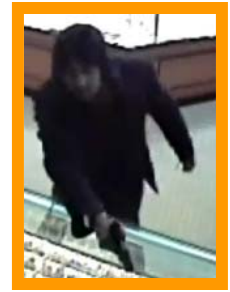


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### Armed Robbery of Jewelry Store in Rockville

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Detectives from the Montgomery County Police are investigating the armed robbery of a jewelry store that occurred today at approximately 12:40 p.m. in Rockville. Rockville City Police and 1st District officers responded to the Gold City Jewelers located at 451 Hungerford Drive for the report of a robbery. The male suspect entered the store and walked to the rear of the showroom. He then displayed a handgun and demanded jewelry from behind the display case. The employees began taking jewelry out of display cases and the suspect fled the store with trays of jewelry. No one was injured during the robbery. **The suspect fled with an undisclosed value of jewelry in a getaway vehicle. The suspect is described as a Middle Eastern male, between 30 and 40 years of age, 5'10" to 6'1" tall, weighing 180 to 220 pounds. He had brown eyes and black hair which may have been a wig. He also had a mustache. He fled in a black four-door vehicle with Pennsylvania tag GPA 7731.** Anyone who has information about this suspect and/or robbery is asked to call the Robbery Section at 240-773-5100. Those who wish to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers of Montgomery County toll-free at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477). Surveillance video is available, please click on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBKA6zVAm54>



### Fresh Express Salad Recall Touches As Many As 27 States

(Public Safety Recall)

Fresh Express is recalling 2,825 cases of Veggie Lovers Salad with a Product Code of I208 and Use by Date of August 10, 2010 because the bags of ready to eat salad greens could be contaminated with *Listeri monocytogens*. **The bags of salad were distributed in 13 states; Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Kansas, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It may have been redistributed to another 13 states: Arkansas, Tennessee, West Virginia, Iowa, Minnesota, Washington D.C., Virginia, Vermont, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Mississippi.** This is the third recall announced by Fresh Express, a wholly owned subsidiary of Chiquita, this year. Source: <http://www.thedailygreen.com/healthy-eating/eat-safe/fresh-express-salad-recall-0811>



### Homeland Security Foundation Opens DC Office

(Homeland Security Initiative)

The Applied Science Center for Homeland Security Research Foundation, located in Bethpage, New York, is expanding its operations to Washington, D.C., where it has opened an office. The office will be headed by Bradley Schreiber, a former senior advisor at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and will be responsible for coordinating the Foundation's interactions with the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, the Intelligence Community, the private sector, education institutions and Congress. **The Foundation is a non-profit organization whose overarching mission is to increase collaboration between the public and private sectors and educational institutions in order to develop resilient and sustainable homeland security products and services. Finally, the Foundation provides homeland security and other related educational training programs for local, state and federal homeland security personnel.** Article excerpted: For more information about the Foundation please contact Bradley Schreiber at (202) 680-2475, at [bschreiber@aschs.org](mailto:bschreiber@aschs.org) or at 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.



### Gains in Bioscience Raises Experts Terrorism Concerns

Rapid advances in bioscience are raising alarms among terrorism experts that amateur scientists will soon be able to gin up deadly pathogens for nefarious uses. The new fear is that scientific advances that enable amateur scientists to carry out once-exotic experiments, such as DNA cloning, could be put to criminal use. Many well-known figures are sounding the alarm over the revolution in biological science, which amounts to a proliferation of know-how—if not the actual pathogens. However, many experts caution that, despite scientific advances, it is still exceedingly tough for terrorists to isolate or create, mass produce and deploy deadly bugs. Tens of thousands of Soviet scientists spent decades trying to weaponize pathogens, with mixed results. Though science has advanced greatly since the Cold War, many of the same challenges remain. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703722804575369394068436132.html>



## The Department of State's Country Reports on Terrorism 2009

(Homeland Security Initiative)

This publication aims to enhance our collective understanding of the international terrorist threat. The report also serves as a reference tool to inform policymakers, the general public, and our foreign partners about our efforts, progress, and challenges in the campaign against international terrorism. The first chapter provides a strategic overview of the terrorist threat to the United States and U.S. interests abroad, as well as a description of the setbacks and advancements of al-Qa'ida and its affiliated groups. **The report also includes country-by-country discussions of foreign government counterterrorism cooperation as well as chapters on WMD terrorism, state sponsors of terrorism, terrorist safe havens, and designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations.** The Country Reports on Terrorism 2009 is available as HTML at: <http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/crt/2009/index.htm>.



## Water system security strengthened with software from EPA, DOE

(Public Safety Initiative)

Scientists from the EPA and the Department of Energy (DOE) have collaborated in developing innovative water quality software that enhances a water system's ability to detect when there has been intentional or unintentional contamination. The Canary software can help detect a wide variety of chemical and biological contaminants, including pesticides, metals, and pathogens. Once contamination is detected quickly, a water utility can issue a "Do Not Drink" order to prevent customers from ingesting the water. Drinking water utilities use the software in conjunction with a network of water quality sensors to rapidly detect contamination and to more accurately assess when and how they need to respond. The software helps to distinguish between natural variation in water quality measurements and hazardous contamination, and sends an alarm to indicate when water utilities should take steps to investigate and respond to potential contamination. In addition to achieving homeland security goals, Canary can be used to enhance day-to-day water quality management, and ensure the safety and security of water for all consumers. More information on Canary: <http://www.epa.gov/nhsrc/news/news122007.html>  
More information on EPA's Water Security initiative: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/safewater/watersecurity/index.cfm>



## As Use of Unmarked Cruisers Increases, So Does Civilian Fear of Police Impersonators

Each year across the USA, reports surface of drivers being pulled over by people who are impersonating police and intending to rob or assault them. The concerns are at issue now as many law enforcement agencies step up their use of unmarked patrol cars to catch speeders and other traffic law violators. "With a car that is not clearly marked, people are sometimes very apprehensive about pulling over," says James Baxter, president of the National Motorists Association, which helps members fight traffic tickets. "Obviously, an unmarked car could certainly cause people concern.



Anybody can go out and buy a light of the regular variety and stick it on their car. **"For drivers being pulled over at night by someone they suspect might not be a police officer, we recommend they drive to a well-lit area, preferably where there are other people, before you pull over," Baxter says.** Police agencies that deploy unmarked cars sometimes limit their use to daylight hours. The agencies urge motorists to exercise caution if they're concerned about an officer's legitimacy. [http://www.officer.com/web/online/Top-News-Stories/As-Use-of-Unmarked-Cruisers-Increases--So-Does-Civilian-Fear-of-Police-Impersonators/1\\$53862?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+officerrss%2Ftop\\_news\\_stories+%28Officer.com%3A+Top+News+Stories%29&utm\\_content=Google+Feedfetcher](http://www.officer.com/web/online/Top-News-Stories/As-Use-of-Unmarked-Cruisers-Increases--So-Does-Civilian-Fear-of-Police-Impersonators/1$53862?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+officerrss%2Ftop_news_stories+%28Officer.com%3A+Top+News+Stories%29&utm_content=Google+Feedfetcher)

## Homeland Security TV

(Homeland Security Initiative)

Homeland Security Television (HSTV), the world's first online, on-demand television network dedicated to homeland security and global development. HSTV is a 24/7 interactive television channel dedicated to producing broadcast-quality video programs on all aspects of homeland security and the role of global development in fighting terrorism. <http://www.nationalterroralert.com/homeland-security-television/>



### Soldiers face domestic terrorism charges in parking lot blasts

(Criminal TTP)

Three U.S. soldiers face charges related to domestic terrorism in connection with blasts in a Dawsonville, Georgia parking lot. Three soldiers were accused of throwing military explosives into a crowd at a grocery store parking lot. The men are on the support staff at Camp Frank D. Merrill. No one was injured when two ground burst simulators were tossed early Sunday from a car. The military uses the explosives in place of hand grenades during training. "A large group was standing around talking, and a Cadillac with three occupants pulled up, threw two devices and fled," Wooten said. The Cadillac pulled onto a side road off Ga. 400. Deputies later found a dozen undetonated devices they believed had been thrown from the Cadillac before it stopped, Wooten said. All three were charged with 16 counts of aggravated assault and 16 counts of reckless conduct. Morgan and Wendt also were each charged with one count of domestic terrorism and two counts of cruelty to children first degree, because two of the people in the crowd were under the age of 18, Wooten said. <http://www.homeland1.com/domestic-international-terrorism/articles/865079-Soldiers-face-domestic-terrorism-charges-in-parking-lot-blasts/>



## 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>

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

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