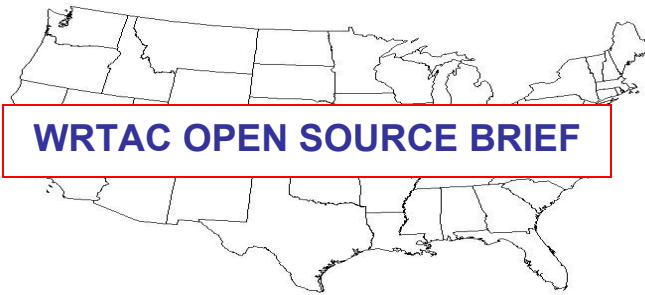


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**Armed Robbery Suspect Sought**

(NCR BOLO)

The Prince George’s County Police Department’s District IV Robbery Suppression Unit is seeking the public’s assistance in locating Richard Clark, who is wanted in connection with a string of citizen armed robberies and an auto theft that occurred in the Oxon Hill area. **Clark, 43, is described as a black male, dark complexion, approximately 5’8” in height with a bald head, and weighing 190 pounds.** He has been linked to armed robberies in the 6200 block of Oxon Hill Road, 4300 block of 23rd Parkway and a stolen vehicle from the 5500 block of Livingston Terrace that occurred in Oxon Hill on October 29, 2010. Clark has been known to frequent the 600 block of Chesapeake Street, SE. Washington, D.C. and the 5500 block of Livingston Terrace in Oxon Hill. Anyone with information about the suspect is urged to call the Prince George’s County Police Department’s District IV Robbery Suppression Unit at 301-749-5064.

<http://cms.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police/news/default.aspx?itemid=2935>

**Police release sketch of park attacker**

(NCR BOLO)

Montgomery County police have put together a computer-generated likeness of the man they say followed a woman off a bus and tried to drag her into woods in the Wheaton. Based



on preliminary investigation, police said the victim had boarded a bus at Veirs Mill Road and Connecticut Avenue. The suspect also boarded the bus, following the victim off the bus at Claridge and Veirs Mill. As the victim was walking past the entrance to a park, the man "grabbed her and attempted to drag her into the woods". After another man interrupted the assault, the attacker ran away into the park. **They described the suspect as a Hispanic male, 30 years old, 5'6" tall, with a mustache and thin beard, a medium build, and a medium complexion. He was last seen wearing a black cap, a black zippered jacket, black shirt, black pants, and black shoes.** Police ask anyone with information to call Detective Bates at 240-773-5530, or call a main police number, 301-279-8000. <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/dan-morse/moco-police-release-sketch-of-1.html#more>

**Al Qaeda Linked Counterfeit Passport Ring Busted**

(Terrorism TTP)

Spanish and Thai police have busted up what Spanish authorities described as “an important passport operation for Al Qaeda.” Authorities told HSToday.us they expect additional arrests to be made, and that seized evidence "points to still other passport and document counterfeiting activities" of Al Qaeda. **According to authorities, members of the terrorist-tied ring stole as many as 40 passports a month specifically from Westerners, many of whom were tourists in Spain whose nationality and age best matched specific terrorists needing passports and IDs – with some alteration – who then used the passports and other IDs to travel in the West.** The identification

documents, particularly the passports that needed to be forged were sent to a sophisticated forgery operation in Thailand from where they were distributed to terrorist cells at the direction of Al Qaeda. Seven of the men who were arrested are suspected of having ties to Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Al Qaeda-linked Pakistan-based terrorist group that's believed to have been behind the 2008 Mumbai attacks. <http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/15619/149/>

### Al Qaeda planned to kill Saudis with poisoned gifts

(Terrorism TTP)

Al Qaeda militants now in detention planned to kill Saudi government and security officials and media workers by sending poisoned gifts to their offices, an Interior Ministry official told Reuters on Saturday. "Using poisoned perfume which they planned to send as gifts is one of the ways the arrested people planned to carry out their assassinations," the Interior Ministry official said. The militants, who revealed the information to Saudi security forces, belonged to 19 al Qaeda cells and included 124 Saudis and 25 foreigners. **The groups had links to militants in Somalia and Yemen, the Interior Ministry said last month. "Changes from explosives to chemicals is significant because it demonstrates resolve and the ability to try to trick the security services,"** said Theodore Karasik, a security analyst at Dubai-based group INEGMA. <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6B30XA20101204>



### 2 more anti-Semitic incidents reported at IU

(Criminal TTP)

Hebrew texts were taken from the shelves at Indiana University's Wells Library and distributed to eight different bathrooms within the library, where they were urinated on, according to IU's director of Jewish Studies Program Jeffrey Veidlinger. That's the latest in a series of anti-Semitic incidents this week, which includes rocks being thrown through windows at Jewish centers for students - twice at the Chabad House Jewish Student Center and once at the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center. <http://www.fox59.com/news/bloomington/wxin-another-attack-on-bloomington-113010.0.1189019.story>



### Israel battles forest fire with foreign help

European aircraft dumped tons of water over flames shooting from tall trees Friday in northern Israel as firefighters struggled for a second day to contain the country's worst-ever forest fire, which has killed 41 people and displaced thousands. **Authorities raised the possibility of arson, saying several small fires that broke out in the same general area but were quickly contained appeared to have been deliberately set. Police said two men, Druze from northern Israel, had been detained on suspicion they planned to set a smaller fire. A bicycle and a wig were found near another blaze site.** That reinforced suspicions that the big blaze was set by arsonists. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/12/03/AR2010120300831.html?hpid=moreheadlines>



### Dallas Area Rapid Transit Deploys SightLogix Intelligent Video

(Resource)

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has deployed the SightLogix video intrusion detection system to provide perimeter security and prevent vandalism at the transit system's Northwest Rail Operations Facility. Jill Shaw, DART's Emergency Preparedness Manager said, "automated surveillance technology allows DART security personnel to preempt potential security policy violations in real-time to ensure the integrity of our rail system". "Situational awareness, from an intelligence perspective, is also critical in preventing intrusions and attacks on public transit systems. Transportation entities that participate in information sharing networks with local, state, and federal authorities associated with public transportation security will gain valuable insight into emerging threats to the transit system. [http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/21956?c=video\\_surveillance\\_cctv](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/21956?c=video_surveillance_cctv)



### Online shopping for the holidays?

(Criminal TTP)

- Compare prices. Similar items typically fall into a general price range. Scammers try to entice victims to their websites with ridiculously low prices. Remember to account for shipping and handling in the cost of on-line purchases.
- Shop from a trusted source; Research the seller. Anyone can set up shop online. Confirm the online seller's physical address and phone number in case you have any problems or questions. If you were emailed a retail coupon code or special promotion, confirm the terms directly with the retail source.
- Keep your anti-virus software up-to-date. Make sure you have installed the latest firewall and anti-virus software to protect your computer against online attacks.
- Enter financial information only on secure sites. Do not e-mail financial information, like your credit card or checking account number. If you initiate a purchase on-line, look for indicators that the site is secure. Although no indicator is fool-proof, look for a lock icon on the browsers status bar, or a URL address that includes an "s" after the http. For more safety tips please visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/topics/112910cybermonday.htm>

### Columbia Bank the latest to be hit with ATM skimming scheme

(Criminal TTP)

It wasn't your traditional bank heist, but thieves recently got away with more than \$90,000 from Columbia Bank by using a scheme called "skimming." **The thieves implanted a device in October on an ATM at the bank's Long Gate Parkway branch in Ellicott City, collecting account information each time a customer used the machine over two weekends.**



Armed with this information, they were able to withdraw money from customers' accounts — which the bank later replaced. Skimming at ATMs and gas pumps has been around for years, although the equipment used to be somewhat clunkier and easier for consumers to spot, identity theft experts say. Now, devices are smaller and so advanced that even wary consumers may not detect the fraud easily. [http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2010-12-06/business/bs-bz-ambrose-bank-skimming-20101207\\_1\\_account-information-atms-device](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2010-12-06/business/bs-bz-ambrose-bank-skimming-20101207_1_account-information-atms-device)

### Pakistan suicide bomb attack kills dozens

(Terrorism TTP)

A suicide bomb attack in north-west Pakistan has left at least 40 people dead. Dozens of people have also been hurt in the attack. The area borders Afghanistan and is a stronghold of the Taliban and al-Qaeda. **It was carried out by two suicide bombers disguised in police uniforms and targeted a local administration compound. A local administration official told the BBC a man on a motorbike had driven up to a sitting area at the meeting and detonated his explosives. Seconds later another bomber, also on a motorbike, exploded his device at the gate of the compound. Anjad Ali Khan said the bombers had also packed their suicide vests with bullets, which had increased the death toll.** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-11924584>



### DHS Rolls Out New Video

(DHS Resource)

DHS has rolled out a new educational video entitled, "The National Infrastructure Protection Plan: Partnering to Enhance Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resilience" The National Infrastructure Protection Plan provides the unifying structure for the integration of a wide range of efforts for the enhanced protection and resiliency of the nation's critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) into a single national program. [http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/editorial\\_0827.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/editorial_0827.shtm)



## Frontier Natural Products Recalls Nutmeg Due to Possible Health Risk

(Public Health)

Frontier Natural Products Co-op, is voluntarily recalling two products manufactured with non-organic nutmeg that were sold under the Frontier brand and under the Whole Foods Market brand listed below that contain nutmeg supplied by Mincing Overseas Spice Company. **The nutmeg has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. Consumption of products containing Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms) endocarditic and arthritis.** <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm235300.htm>



## Metro to replace track circuits to improve safety

(Metro Initiative)

Metro's Finance and Administration Board committee today (Dec. 2) gave its approval for a \$10 million project to begin replacing nearly 400 Red Line track circuits, a safety investment that will ultimately enable Metro to run its trains in automatic mode. "Metro trains have been operating manually since June 2009 and today's action is critical because it will get us one step closer to returning to safe and reliable automatic train operations," said Richard Sarles, Metro General Manager. Track circuits play a vital role in the safe operations of the Metrorail system, which has more than 3,000 track circuits. The movement of trains is monitored in the Operations Control Center (OCC), through the signals sent and received through track circuits. [http://www.wmata.com/about\\_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=4761](http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=4761)



## Global Weekend Incidents

AFGHANISTAN - 2 Militants Killed In Kandahar  
AFGHANISTAN - 3 US Army Experts Killed Clearing Landmines by Roadside Bomb in Logar  
AFGHANISTAN - 60 Taliban Militants Surrender in Afghanistan  
AFGHANISTAN - 7 Taliban Militants Give up Resistance in North Afghanistan  
AFGHANISTAN - Bomb Blast at Army Base Kills 2  
AFGHANISTAN - Landmine in Ghazni Kills 4 American Troops  
AFGHANISTAN - NATO Arrests Journalist Allegedly Working with Terrorists  
AFGHANISTAN - Police shoot dead 2 suspected insurgents in Southern Afghanistan  
AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Claim Responsibility for Bombing  
AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Attacks Kill 2 NATO Soldiers in Afghanistan  
AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Claim Troops Use Chemical Arms  
AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Shoot and Kill 5 Police at Checkpoint  
AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Website Claims Roadside Bomb Kills 3 NATO Troops  
ALGERIA - Algerians Protest over Al Qaeda Violence  
AUSTRALIA - Climate Activists Shut Down Coal Supply to Large Power Station  
AUSTRIA - Austria Arrests Suspect in Belgian NATO Plot  
BANGLADESH - 5 Held with Bomb Making Materials  
BELARUS - Russian Embassy Attackers Detained In Belarus  
BRAZIL - Brazil Watching Suspected Islamic Terrorist Group  
CALIFORNIA - Bomb Squad Disassembles Explosive in Azusa  
CALIFORNIA - Hand Grenade Found In Stolen Car  
COLOMBIA - 2 Police Killed In Arauca FARC Attack  
COLOMBIA - 4 Arrested Over FARC Arms Dealing  
ECUADOR - FARC Recruit Ecuadoreans with Bribes  
FLORIDA - False Bomb Threat at Plaza Royale Center  
GAMBIA - Trial of 17 Suspected Rebels Commences  
GAZA - 3 Palestinians Wounded In Israeli Shootings in Gaza  
GERMANY - Plane Evacuated At German Airport in Bomb Scare

**UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION**

GREECE - 9 Arrested In Greek Anti-Terror Probe  
GREECE - Clashes in Greece on Anniversary of Teens Killing  
GREECE - Greece on Alert on Anniversary of Police Shooting Of Teenager  
GREECE - Greek Police Charge Six with Terrorism after Raid  
GREECE - Greek Police Find Suspected Guerrilla Arms Cache  
GREECE - Greek Police Foiled Imminent Terrorist Attack on Judicial Target  
ILLINOIS - Bomb Squad Called To Suspicious Package Sent To Resident  
ILLINOIS - Bomb Threat at Madison County Criminal Justice Center  
INDIA - 2 Hardcore Naxalites Arrested In Bihar  
INDIA - 4 Employees of Oil Company Abducted  
INDIA - 5 Injured In Manipur Grenade Blast  
INDIA - American-Made Rockets Found In Rajouri  
INDIA - Bomb Hoax In Vaidehi Hospital  
INDIA - Bomb Hoax Sends Police In A Tizzy  
INDIA - Explosives Seized From Abandoned House In Kalady  
INDIA - Explosives Seized On Mumbai-Agra National Highway  
INDIA - Five UKDA Militants Surrender  
INDIA - Guerrillas Attack Kashmir Police Officers House  
INDIA - Hizb-ul-Mujahideen Militant Recruiting Cell Arrested  
INDIA - Hoax Bomb Threat Spreads Panic At Vydehi Hospital  
INDIA - India Arrests Top 5 Senior Maoist Leaders  
INDIA - Indian Navy Intercepts Vessel With 19 Foreigners In Arabian Sea  
INDIA - Maoist Shutdown Hits NMDC Iron Ore Transportation  
INDIA - Maoist Squad Leader Arrested In West Midnapore  
INDIA - Maoists Call Two-Day Shutdown In Bengal  
INDIA - Maoists Kill A Villager In Chhattisgarh  
INDIA - Maoists Procuring Explosives From Coal India Mines  
INDIA - Maoists Sneak Into Warangal  
INDIA - Militant Injured In Encounter In Assam  
INDIA - Pakistan-Trained Hizbul Militant Arrested In Kashmir  
INDIA - Pirates Hijack Bangladeshi Ship Off Indian Coast  
INDIA - Police Investigate Bomb Hoax At Jagat Cinema  
INDIA - Powerful Improvised Explosive Device Found In Passenger Bus  
INDIA - Railway Security Beefed Up In 13 Districts Of Uttar Pradesh  
INDIA - School Bus Torched In Srinagar To Enforce Shutdown  
INDIA - School Bus Torched In Srinagar To Enforce Shutdown  
INDIA - Separatists Open Finance Companies In Guwahati  
INDIA - Trinamool Supporter Shot Dead By Maoists  
INDONESIA - Indonesia On Alert  
INDONESIA - Indonesian Terrorists Target Foreign Oil Executives  
IRAN - MKO Agent Linked To Mousavi HQ Nabbed  
IRAQ - 2 Civilian Wounded In Landmine Blast In Qaem  
IRAQ - 2 Civilians Wounded In Blasts In Baghdad  
IRAQ - 3 Killed - 4 Wounded In Blast In DIALA  
IRAQ - Blast Targets Bus Carrying Iranian Pilgrims In Baghdad  
IRAQ - Gunmen Kill 2 Christians In Baghdad  
IRAQ - Gunmen Kill 1 Wound 3 In Baghdad  
IRAQ - IED Defused In Christian Town In Ninewa  
IRAQ - IED Wounds 3 Civilians In al-Tayaran Square Baghdad  
IRAQ - Landmine Blast Wounds 2  
IRAQ - Policeman Wounded In Baghdad Blast  
IRAQ - Series Of Bomb Attacks In Baghdad Kill Up To 14 People  
IRAQ - Unidentified Gunmen Kill 2 Police At Checkpoint In Mosul  
ISRAEL - 2 Qassams Explode In South - No Injuries  
ISRAEL - Al Qaeda Claims Fire Of Mount Caramel  
ISRAEL - Grenade Thrown In Deir Al-Assad  
ISRAEL - Stun Grenade Thrown Near Tiberias - No Injuries Reported

**UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION**

KENYA - Kenyan Forces Kill 5 Ethiopian Rebels  
MEXICO - 2 Mutilated Bodies Hung From Acapulco Bri  
MEXICO - 4 Cops Die In Ambush In Mexican Border City  
MEXICO - 4 Suspected Kidnappers Arrested In Mexico  
MEXICO - Extortionists Torch School In Mexican Border City  
MEXICO - Gunmen Kill 4 In Attack On 2 Mexico Rehab Centers  
MICHIGAN: Pipe bomb found in vacant Detroit building  
MISSOURI - Police Investigate Suspicious Package  
MONTANA - Easter Seals Goodwill Receives Suspicious Package - Evacuates Building  
NEPAL - Explosive Found At School Gate  
NEPAL - Maoists Threaten To Kill Journalist  
NEW ZEALAND - Suspicious Substance Drink Spiking - 4 Sickened Or Hospitalized  
NIGERIA - 3 Killed In Nigeria Shootout  
NIGERIA - Militants Claim Pipeline Bombing In Niger Delta  
OREGON - Bomb Squad Called To OSP Office In Albany  
PAKISTAN - 2 Schools Destroyed By Militants In Northwest Pakistan  
PAKISTAN - 4 Arrested In Connection With Thar Express Railway Blast  
PAKISTAN - 5 Killed In US Drone Strike In Northwest Pakistan  
PAKISTAN - 6 Militants Detained By Forces In Raid On School  
PAKISTAN - Chitral Police Recover 425kg Explosives  
PAKISTAN - Gunmen Attack NATO Oil Tanker In Northwest Pakistan  
PAKISTAN - Lahore Police Arrest 5 Suspected Militants  
PAKISTAN - Militants Blow Up 4 More Schools  
PAKISTAN - Passenger Plane Fired Upon During Landing  
PAKISTAN - Taliban Plans To Target Chinese Nationals In Pakistan  
PAKISTAN - Updated - Twin Suicide Blasts Kill 40 In Mohmand Tribal District  
PAKISTAN - US Drone Attack Kills 5 Militants In Pakistan  
PENNSYLVANIA - 9 Homes Damaged Or Destroyed By Molotov Cocktails - Multiple Incidents  
PENNSYLVANIA - Firebombing Destroyed Norristown Homes  
PHILIPPINES - Abu Sayyaf Militants Release 2 Hostages  
PHILIPPINES - Leftist NPA Rebel Killed - Soldier Wounded In Capiz  
PHILIPPINES - MILF - Militiamen Clash In North Cotabato Village - Hundreds Flee Homes  
RUSSIA - 5 Injured In Russian Train Explosion  
RUSSIA - Cause Of Russian Train Blast Not Faulty Boiler  
RUSSIA - Russian Special Services Uncover Terrorist Recruitment Network  
RUSSIA - Six Militants Killed In Special Operation In North Caucasus  
RUSSIA - Tax Police Official Killed In Russias North Caucasus  
SAUDI ARABIA - Al Qaeda Planned To Kill Saudis With Poisoned Gifts  
SOMALIA - 18 Somalis Killed In Weekend Fighting In Mogadishu  
SOMALIA - 6 Islamist Commanders Killed In A Second Day Fighting between Hizbul Islam - Al-shabab  
SOMALIA - Al-shabab Claims Victory Over Latest Clashes In North Mogadishu  
SOMALIA - Somali Govt Says 50 Rebel Fighters Killed In Mogadishu  
SOUTH KOREA - Chinas Hu Tells Obama Worried By Korea Crisis  
SOUTH KOREA - South Korea Begins Firing Drills  
SRI LANKA - German Bakery Blast Plot Hatched In Colombo - Charge-Sheet  
TAJIKISTAN - Government Forces Search For Armed Militants Who Killed Police  
TAJIKISTAN - Tajik Forces Search For Militants In Police Deaths  
TURKEY - Turkish Air Passengers Hurt in Fire Alert Panic  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - Threat Of Attack On UAE Through Missiles Is Real - Official  
UNITED KINGDOM - Army Bomb Squad Responds 194 Times In 2010 For Real IRA Devices  
UNITED KINGDOM - Tax Protesters Close Topshop  
UNITED KINGDOM - Woman Held In Dissident Probe  
UNITED STATES - Jihadis Want To Surgically Implant Undetectable Bombs In Human Bodies  
VERMONT - State Police Investigate Several Chemical Bombs Thrown At Houses  
WASHINGTON - Bomb Threat At Riverside High School  
WISCONSIN - Bomb threat Reported At La Crosse County Law Enforcement Center  
YEMEN - Four Alleged Qaeda Militants Go On Trial In Yemen

For more information on the above incidents please visit [www.globalincidentmap.com](http://www.globalincidentmap.com)

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