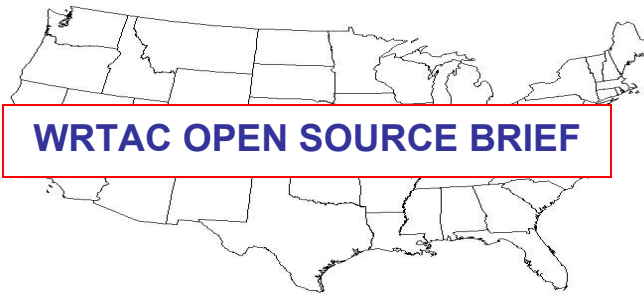


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**Burglars Posing as WSSC Employees Hit Montgomery County (NCR BOLO)**

Takoma Park Police warned residents of a transient criminal group posing as WSSC employees and targeting the elderly. A group of burglars who started in Pennsylvania migrated down to Germantown recently, police said. Detectives from the 5th District Investigative Section are investigating a residential burglary that occurred on Jan. 28, in Germantown, where the suspects represented themselves as employees of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Around 2 p.m., officers responded to the 19500 block of Scenery Drive for the report of a burglary. The investigation revealed that the 86-year-old male victim saw a pickup truck enter his driveway, police said. Two suspects knocked at the door and told the victim there was a problem with the water line and that needed to check pipes in his basement. The victims heard a noise upstairs, and the two suspects ran out of the home. **The suspects were described as possibly Hispanic males; one age 55, 5'10" to 5'11" tall, and weighing 185 pounds; one age 25, 5'8" tall, weighing 145 pounds, and the other age 35, and 5'6" tall. The two suspects with the victims were wearing blue jeans and light-colored jackets. The truck was described as being in good condition, silver in color, perhaps a 2000 to 2004 model with a very wide back end. The truck was described as being in good condition, silver in color, perhaps a 2000 to 2004 model with a very wide back end.**

<http://takomapark.patch.com/articles/burglars-posing-as-wssc-employees-hit-montgomery-county>

**Homicide in the 4500 block of 8th Street, NW**

**(NCR RFI)**

On Friday, February 4, 2011, at approximately 9:20 pm, units from the Fourth District responded to the 4500 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, to investigate reports of the sounds of gunshots. Upon their arrival, officers canvassed the area and located the victim in the alley of the 4500 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, suffering from gunshot wounds and found him to be unconscious and unresponsive. The victim was subsequently transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner pending an autopsy. The decedent has been identified as **20-year-old Derrick Rawls** of Northwest, DC. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the police at **(202) 727-9099** or **1-888-919-CRIME (1-888-919-2746)**. Additionally, anonymous information may be submitted to **DC CRIME SOLVERS** at **1-866-411-TIPS** and to the department's **TEXT TIP LINE** by text messaging **50411**. If the information provided by the caller to the Crime Solvers Unit leads to an arrest and indictment, that caller will be eligible for a reward of up to **\$1,000**. <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/21102>

### Six Robberies in Skyline Area

(NCR BOLO)

Police are investigating several street robberies that have occurred within the past month, all in the Skyline area. On December 13, 2010, around 5 p.m. a man was walking in the area of 5505 Seminary Road. He was approached by two men, one of whom displayed a knife and he took personal property from the victim. The first suspect was described as white or Hispanic, 19-25 and around 5 foot 8 inches tall. There was no description of the second suspect. Five other robberies have taken place with similar descriptions, for more information please visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2011/020811skylinerobberies.htm>

### Virginia AG officials, FBI sponsor conference on terrorism aimed at US food supply

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is teaming up with the FBI to present a conference on terrorism aimed at the U.S. food supply. The Virginia Agroterrorism Conference is scheduled for Friday in Blacksburg. It will bring together people who work in agriculture and law enforcement to discuss how state and federal agencies would respond to a terrorist incident aimed at dairy farms, food processors and veterinary medicine. The conference will discuss the profile of a terrorist, cyber security and vulnerabilities in the food transportation sector. Besides the agriculture department and the FBI, the Virginia Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine is also a sponsor. <http://www.wdbj7.com/sns-ap-va--agroterrorism,0,280455.story>

### What is a 'Presidential Alert'?

(Emergency Preparedness)

The Federal Communications Commission has approved plans to hold the first test of a "Presidential Alert," or a broadcast warning that might be issued in the event of a serious natural disaster or terrorism threat. Commissioners voted last week to require television and radio stations, cable systems and satellite TV providers to participate in a test that would have them receive and transmit a live code that includes an alert message issued by the president. No date has been set for the test. It would be a national version of the tests that already occur everyday on broadcast television stations to test a system that issues warning when tornadoes or severe thunderstorms strike or AMBER Alerts are issued for missing children. [http://voices.washingtonpost.com/federal-eye/2011/02/what\\_is\\_a\\_presidential\\_alert\\_1.html?hpid=news-col-blog](http://voices.washingtonpost.com/federal-eye/2011/02/what_is_a_presidential_alert_1.html?hpid=news-col-blog)

### Chechen terrorist issues stark video warning to Russians

(Terrorism TTP)

A new video posted over the weekend by Russia's most wanted terrorist, self-described Chechen "Emir" Doku Umarov, has warned already jittery Muscovites to brace for a "year of blood and tears." His threat: a wave of assaults by up to 60 suicide bombers trained at a secret base in the North Caucasus. Self-proclaimed leader of an Islamic 'caliphate' Umarov styles himself "Emir Dokku Abu Usman" and proclaims himself leader of an Islamic "caliphate" that seeks to wrest from Moscow's rule virtually the entire northern slope of the Caucasus Mountains, including seven autonomous Russian republics strung out between the Caspian and Black seas. He has taken responsibility for terrorist acts in the past, notably a twin suicide bombing in Moscow's crowded metro system last March that killed almost 40 people. Umarov makes no mention of the Domodedovo attack, but experts say there may be a gruesome reason for that. They say the grim-faced young man standing on Umarov's left in the video is probably Magomed Yevloyev, a 20-something accounting student from the insurgency-wracked republic of Ingushetia, whom Russian authorities now believe was the suicide bomber who struck the international arrivals area of the airport on Jan. 24. [http://news.yahoo.com/s/csm/20110207/wl\\_csm/361519](http://news.yahoo.com/s/csm/20110207/wl_csm/361519)



### DC Department of Health to Host Fatherhood Symposium

(Public Health)

The DC Department of Health (DOH) is hosting a professional development symposium on Wednesday, February 16, entitled "From Here to Paternity." This symposium is for healthcare professionals interested in receiving Continuing Education Units (CEU) and will help educate nurses, social workers and mental health

professionals on how important the role and involvement of a father is during pregnancy to ensure healthy birth outcomes. This workshop will be held at 441 4th Street NW, on the first floor South Lobby in the Old City Council Chambers from 9:30 am to 1 pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the various stages of pregnancy; keys to effective communication; the role of expectant fathers during pregnancy; and obstacles and challenges to paternal support. On-line registration will be available until February 14, with on-site registration being made available from 9 - 9:30 am on the actual day of the symposium. For more information, please call (202) 442-9347, or visit [www.doh.dc.gov](http://www.doh.dc.gov). <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/doh/section/2/release/21088/year/2011>

## 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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