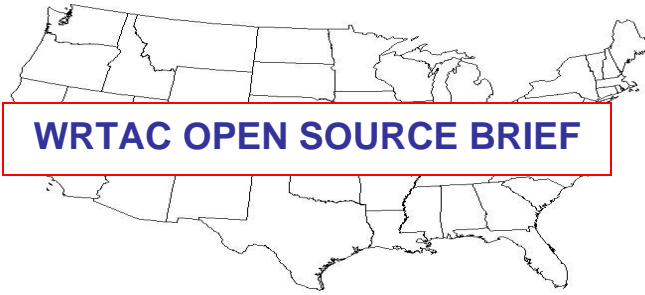


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SoberRide Needs More Funding Before Fourth Of July

The free taxi program, SoberRide, faces a \$31,000 budget shortfall this year. The program operates on major holidays including Fourth of July. But this year's SoberRide service for Independence Day is in jeopardy due to lean donations during the economic slump. The charitable organization is a privately-funded initiative of the [Washington Regional Alcohol Program \(WRAP\)](http://www.wrapdc.org). Three-hundred-thirty-one people used the service on Independence Day in 2009 around the DC-Metropolitan Area. "Can we live with 300 would-be drunk drivers on this Independence Day? I say no. We certainly need to rally community support to pull this off next month," says Kurt Erickson, Vice President of WRAP. SoberRide saw a 60.39 percent increase in ridership between 2008 and 2009. Taxi rides are free up to \$50 for the program. SoberRide partners up with nine area cab companies to operate on the Fourth of July, St. Patrick's Day, Halloween, and the winter holiday season. <http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=102612&catid=187>



Homicide in the 2600 Block of Birney Place, SE

(NCR RFI)

Detectives assigned to the Metropolitan Police Department's Homicide Branch are investigating a fatal shooting that occurred in the 2600 Block of Birney Place, SE. On Monday, June 14, 2010, at approximately 9:05 pm, Seventh District units were dispatched to the 2600 block of Birney Place, SE, to investigate the report of a shooting. Upon their arrival, they found an unconscious male suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to the scene and determined the victim had no signs of life. The victim was subsequently transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and pronounced dead. The decedent has been identified as 37-year-old, Derrick Andre Harris, of the 500 block of Kenyon Street, NW, Washington, DC. <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/20044/year/2010>

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call police at (202) 727-9099 or 1-888-919-CRIME (1-888-919-2746). The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to \$25,000 to anyone that provides information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons wanted for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia.

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.

Homicide in the 3400 block of Minnesota Avenue, SE

(NCR RFI)

Detectives assigned to the Metropolitan Police Department's Homicide Branch are investigating the fatal shooting that occurred on June 8, 2010, in the 3400 Minnesota Avenue, SE. On Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at approximately 4:40 pm, United States Park Police units were alerted to a wooded area in Fort Dupont Park to investigate the report of an unconscious person. Upon arrival, Park Police officers found an adult male victim suffering from an apparent gunshot wound and requested District Fire and Emergency Medical Services and Sixth District units respond to the scene. The victim showed no signs consistent with life and was subsequently transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner where he was pronounced. The victim has been identified as **Don Diego Jones**, a 43 year-old male of the 2100 block of North Anvil Lane, Temple Hills, Maryland. <http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/mpdc/section/2/release/20045/year/2010>

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). The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to \$25,000 to anyone that provides information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons wanted for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia.

Additionally, anonymous information may be submitted to D.C. 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.

Elderly Scam Turns into Robbery

(NCR RFI)

Police are investigating a robbery that began as an attempt to scam an elderly man on Wednesday, June 2. Some time between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., the victim, a 74-year-old man, was approached by two men in a parking lot in the 7300 block of Lee Highway. The men claimed they had a winning lottery ticket and needed his assistance to cash it. At the request of one of the men, they went to the victim's home nearby. Once inside, the men threatened the victim and demanded money. The victim drove the suspects to a bank in the Tysons Corner area, withdrew an undisclosed amount of cash and relinquished it to the suspects. They ordered him to drop them off near the intersection of Lee Highway and Gallows Road; the victim complied and the suspects fled on foot. **One of the suspects was described as Greek or Hispanic, between 32 and 33 years old and about 5 feet 3 inches tall. He was between 130 to 135 pounds, with a medium build, dark complexion and straight black hair. He spoke with an accent. The other suspect was described as white or Italian, about 45 years old, 6 feet tall and 165 pounds, with a medium build. He had a light complexion, straight black hair and brown eyes. He went by the name of Vincent.** Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2010/061710scamrob.htm>



Volkswagen Recalls 2009 Routan

Volkswagen is recalling about 16,000 2009 Routans. The company said the wiring harness may be defective, which could lead to a short circuit and, possibly, a fire in the sliding side door. Dealers will inspect the wiring and, if necessary, make repairs. Owners may contact Volkswagen at 1-800-822-8987 about Recall No. 9758/T7. http://www.consumeraffairs.com/recalls04/2010/vw_routan.html

(Public Safety)



Suzuki Recalls Grand Vitara, XL-7

Suzuki is recalling about 47,000 Grand Vitaras from the 2006 model year and XL-7s from the 2005-2006 model years because of a problem with the power assist pump. The company said the tension adjuster pulley on the pump's drive belt could break, causing the drive belt to come off, and disabling the power steering. Dealers will repair the problem at no charge. Owners may contact Suzuki at 1-800-934-0934 about Recall No.

(Public Safety)



http://www.consumeraffairs.com/recalls04/2010/suzuki_vitara.html

BMW Recalls 2008-2011 1-Series Models

BMW is recalling certain 2008-2011 BMW 1-series vehicles. The company said that the seat belt pre-tensioner insulation could ignite. The company has not yet provided a remedy or an owner-notification schedule. Owners may contact BMW at 1-800-525-7417. <http://www.consumeraffairs.com/recalls04/2010/bmw1.html>

(Public Safety)



Lobster Meat Recall

Portland Shellfish Company, Inc. of Portland, Maine is voluntarily recalling the following brands of cooked, ready to eat fresh or frozen lobster meat: Portland Shellfish Co. Inc brand, Claw island, Craig's All Natural, and Inland Ocean cooked, fresh or frozen lobster claw and knuckle meat. Recent tests show the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections. <http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=102542&catid=28>

(Public Health)

Infected Organs Pose Deadly Transplant Risk

The patient was 54 when he died in 2005 after receiving a kidney that was infected with a rare virus from the donor's pet hamster. He endured more than three years of dialysis waiting for a new kidney, even turning down one organ on his doctor's advice because it came from a high-risk donor, his wife said. But in May 2005, less than a month after the 54-year-old Rhode Island man received the long-awaited organ, he was dead, felled by a rare infection that lurked undetected in the transplanted kidney. The source? A pet hamster bought the month before the organ donor's sudden death. It was a diseased rodent whose virus, lymphocytic choriomeningitis — known as LCMV — was transmitted from the donor to four people who received her organs, killing three of them. The fourth became critically ill, but survived. Last month, that victim and the families of the others settled a two-year lawsuit against the retailer PetSmart, who they claimed failed to screen the sick hamster or to warn pet owners about potential dangers. <http://www.newsvine.com/news/2010/06/11/4495780-infected-organs-pose-deadly-transplant-risk>

(Public Health)

Texas Firm Recalls Three Varieties of "Spaghettios" With Meatballs That May Be Under processed

Campbell Soup Supply Company, LLC, a Paris, Texas, establishment is recalling approximately 15,000,000 pounds of "SpaghettiOs with Meatballs" canned products due to possible under-processing, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The following products are subject to recall:



- 14.75-ounce cans of "SpaghettiOs" with Meatballs, bearing the identifying product code "U5" on the bottom of the can.
- 14.75-ounce cans of "SpaghettiOs" A to Z with Meatballs, bearing the identifying product code "4N" on the bottom of the can.
- 14.75-ounce cans of "SpaghettiOs" Fun Shapes with Meatballs (Cars), bearing the identifying product code "KS" on the bottom of the can.

The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST 4K," as well as a "Use By" date between June 2010 and December 2011 ink-jetted on the bottom of each can. Consumer questions regarding the recall should be directed to Campbell's Hotline at (866) 495-3774; media inquiries should be directed to the company's Director of Corporate Communications, Anthony Sanzio at (856) 968-4390. Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at [AskKaren.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_035_2010_Release/index.asp). The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day. http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_035_2010_Release/index.asp

U.S. Department of Agriculture Class 1 Food Recall (Public Health)

ConAgra Foods Packaged Foods, LLC (Council Bluffs, Iowa), is recalling Marie Callender's brand Cheesy Chicken and Rice frozen meals. The product has been linked to a multistate salmonellosis outbreak. The company is recalling all Marie Callender's brand Cheesy Chicken and Rice frozen meals in commerce, regardless of production date. These products are being recalled after the company was informed by CDC of an investigation involving 29 persons in 14 states who had salmonellosis diagnosed linked to infection with *Salmonella* serotype Chester. Eight of the affected persons specifically reported eating this product during April and May 2010, before illness onset; the last reported illness was reported on May 22. The following product is subject to recall:

- 13-ounce packages of "Marie Callender's Cheesy Chicken & Rice White Meat Chicken and Broccoli over Rice Topped with Rich Cheddar Sauce."

Each package bears a label with establishment number "P-45" inside the USDA mark of inspection. Consumers with questions about the recall should contact ConAgra Foods at 1-866-484-9610.

WRTAC ANALYST NOTE: USDA RECALL CLASSIFICATIONS

- **Class I:** This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.
- **Class II:** This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.
- **Class III:** This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.

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

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