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Crime Crackdown in Adams Morgan (Public Safety Initiative)

Police and other District officials want to make sure you can stay safe after a night out in Adams Morgan. There have been 21 violent crimes in the area around the intersection of Kalorama Rd. and Champlain St. NW in the past six months alone, including two deadly shootings since December. Police want to put a stop to the neighborhood's growing reputation for crime. A crime camera has been installed at the aforementioned intersection, and the underpass at Reed Elementary School on Champlain Rd. will be open to traffic to discourage loitering in the area. Police Chief Cathy Lanier expects to see an immediate decrease in crime thanks to the new security measures.


Man charged with threatening Obama (BOLO/NCR Interest)

Federal authorities are searching for a man who has at least eight guns registered to him and has threatened to kill President Obama. The man, identified as Daniel James Murray, is charged with making threats against the president of the United States. He recently withdrew $85,000 from a Utah bank and told a teller: "We are on a mission to kill the president of the United States." Murray is originally from New York, but was seen several times in late May in St. George, Utah. Authorities do not know where Murray is and said he has been seen driving a blue 2001 Buick LeSabre with New York license plate number ERL 1445. There are at least eight guns registered to Murray, including semi-automatic pistols and revolvers. (From GlobalIncidentMap.com)


D.C. Offers Sandbags for Residents (Resource)

Officials in the District made every effort to ensure that residents have what they need to protect their homes from water amid the flash flood warning that was in effect Thursday night. Residents in need of sandbags to protect their homes from high water could visit the D.C. Department of Public Works transfer station at 900 New Jersey Ave. SE. There, DPW employees load the bags into your car for you. That's a good deal, considering that each bag weighs about 50 pounds. DPW will be handing out the sandbags round the clock until the bags run out. To receive them, you must be a D.C. resident and the limit is five bags per person.

DDOT Expands Public Outreach: Now on Facebook (Resource)

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has launched a Facebook page. The new page complements DDOT’s existing communication tools which now include Twitter, e-mail alerts and the DDOT website, ddot.dc.gov. The inclusion of the new page allows the agency to reach an expanded audience on the popular social networking site. The page gives everyone access to: The latest news and traffic advisories, photos from DDOT events and projects, a calendar of upcoming public meetings and other events, links to project plans and updates, contact information for service requests, questions and comments. DDOT already has a presence on another social network: Twitter. Follow DDOT at www.twitter.com/DDOTDC and get real-time updates about traffic, construction projects, events and other transportation news. You can also “tweet” service requests to DDOT. To become a “fan” of the DDOT Facebook page, users can search for “District Department of Transportation.” If you don’t have a Facebook account, you can register at facebook.com free of charge, or use the following link to view DDOT’s page: www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-DC/District-Department-of-Transportation/175133555022

http://newsroom.dc.gov/show.aspx/agency/ddot/section/2/release/17265

District Cocaine Use: #1 in the Nation (Public Safety/Health)

A new report finds that a higher percentage of D.C. residents are using cocaine than in any state in the country. The Department of Health and Human Services’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration developed the report based on 2006 and 2007 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health. The report breaks down substance abuse and mental health problems on a state-by-state basis. D.C.’s best showing in the report was a 5.1 percent rate of usage of cocaine in the past year -- among residents 12 and older. That topped the country.


Analyst Note: The report, “State Estimates of Substance use from the 2006-2007 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health,” can be viewed at: http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k7state/2k7State.pdf

Large Events to Close D.C. Streets This Weekend (Preparedness/Awareness)

Two large events this weekend will close some D.C. Roads. The Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure is scheduled for Saturday, June 6 from 7:50 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The race will begin on the National Mall and finish at Maryland Avenue. The race will begin on the National Mall and proceed over the following route, which will experience rolling road closures:

- North on 4th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- West on Pennsylvania Avenue to Constitution Avenue, NW
- West on Constitution Avenue to Virginia Avenue, NW
- Northwest on Virginia Avenue to 18th Street, NW
- North on 18th Street to C Street, NW
- West on C Street to 19th Street, NW
- South on 19th Street to Constitution Avenue, NW
- East on Constitution Avenue to 15th Street, NW
- South on 15th Street to Jefferson Drive, SW
- East on Jefferson Drive to 7th Street, SW

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South on 7th Street to Independence Avenue, SW
East on Independence Avenue, SW to Maryland Avenue where the runners will cross the finish line.

**The following streets will be closed from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.:**
3rd Street between Independence Avenue, SW and Constitution Avenue, NW
4th Street between Independence Avenue, SW and Constitution Avenue, NW
Independence Ave between 3rd and 7th Streets will also be closed from 5 a.m. To 5 p.m.

**The Unifest Celebration will also take place in the District from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 6. The following streets will be closed starting 11 p.m. Friday, June 5 and will remain closed until 1 a.m. Sunday, June 7.**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave, SE, from 11th Street Bridge ramp to Howard Road
Ramp from I-295 to Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. and Good Hope Road, SE
Good Hope Road SE from 13th Street to Martin Luther King Jr Avenue
U Street, SE from 14th Street to Shannon Place
V Street, SE from 14th Street to Shannon Place
W Street, SE from 14th Street to Railroad Avenue SE
Pleasant Street, SE from 13th Street to Martin Luther King Jr Avenue
Mount View Place, SE from Pleasant Street to Talbert Street (Subject to Change)
Maple View Place, SE from Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue to Mount View Place
Chicago Street, SE from Railroad Avenue to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue
Shannon Place, SE from U Street to Howard Road
Talbert Street, SE from Shannon Place to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue

*Howard Road will remain open from the South Capital Street Bridge to Pomeroy Road, SE*

The Metropolitan Police Department and the Department of Transportation remind motorists in the vicinity to exercise caution as there will be significant pedestrian traffic associated with both of these events. They also note the street closings are subject to change. [http://www.news8.net/news/stories/0609/629041.html](http://www.news8.net/news/stories/0609/629041.html)

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**Missing gun count now 22 at Woodbine, Maryland**

(Update)

A $2,000 reward is being offered leading to the arrests of suspects responsible for burglarizing JC Arms gun store in Woodbine now that the owner discovered more weapons are missing than what he thought. Maryland State Police said 22 guns — and not 13 as once thought — were stolen from the shop located at 7737 Woodbine Road, near the Carroll County line, sometime between 11:30 p.m. May 26 and 8:55 a.m. May 27. The count of stolen firearms now stands at 11 AR-15 rifles, two H&K submachine guns, three .22-caliber pistols, three 9 mm-Glock pistols, one .45-caliber Glock pistol, one Ruger .380-caliber pistol, and one .45-caliber Taurus revolver. Also, dozens of boxes of ammunition and scopes and other accessories were stolen. Metro Crime Stoppers are offering the $2,000 reward. People can call 1-666-7LOCKUP. Callers can remain anonymous, and calls are not recorded. [http://www.explorecarroll.com/news/2970/missing-gun-count-now-22-woodbine-shop/](http://www.explorecarroll.com/news/2970/missing-gun-count-now-22-woodbine-shop/)

**Gun and Ammo Found on US Airways Plane at PHL Airport**

(Transportation Security/TTP)

Authorities say a gun and ammunition were found inside a carry-on bag on a flight from Philadelphia International Airport Thursday morning. The flight was stopped as it was about to take off just after 7:00am and US Airways employee Roshid Milledge and a passenger, Damien Young, have now been charged in connection with the incident. Authorities say the airline employee allegedly handed the bag with the gun to the passenger as he boarded the plane. The flight was bound for Arizona. The 7:10am flight, which was already taxing out for departure, was called back and searched. The bag was located on the plane and found to contain an unloaded 9mm handgun and ammunition. The rest of the plane was searched as a precaution. [http://www.kyw1060.com/pages/4534304.php](http://www.kyw1060.com/pages/4534304.php)

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Flash mobs draw Philadelphia ire
While social-networking sites have helped long-lost classmates, colleagues and relatives reconnect, some mischief-minded users are using it for more poisonous purposes. Police say rampaging teens who rioted in South Philadelphia Saturday night used cell-phone text-messaging and sites like Twitter, Facebook, MySpace and the new OurSpace, which caters to African-Americans, to assemble the mob. An "OurSpace" user calling himself "Malcolm Jamal Smith" was up to more devilish doings this week: "organizing some broad street riots." Police estimated that 8,000 to 10,000 youths swarmed the area around South and Broad streets, hijacking a taxi, assaulting a woman yanked from a car, ransacking a convenience store and otherwise misbehaving. Mass mobilization by computer is nothing new. Six years ago, the first flash mobs broke out in New York City. Part party, part performance art, flash mobs were large groups of people who, tipped to an imminent gathering by social media, spontaneously converged in some spot to do something wacky: Have a pillow fight; applaud heartily for no apparent reason; break out in a disco dance. Some have also used flash mobs as activism, to protest controvertial development or raise awareness about a social issue.


Update: LR Shooting Suspect Tells How & Why He Shot Soldiers
Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad, 23, also known as Carlos Bledsoe, is charged with capital murder and 16 counts of terroristic acts for shooting two soldiers in Little Rock on Monday. Muhammad admitted to shooting the victims, and then revealed to police how and why. He told police that he put three weapons, including an assault rifle, into his SUV and then drove around until he saw the Recruiting Station and the two soldiers smoking outside the building. He then pulled into the parking lot in front of the station, stopped his vehicle, and began shooting at the soldiers standing outside, firing several rounds from an SKS assault rifle with the intent of killing them. Muhammad also told officers that he would have killed more soldiers if they had been on the parking lot. Muhammad also told police he was a practicing Muslim, and that he was mad at the U.S. military because of what they had done to Muslims in the past. At the time of the shooting there were about 15 Army and civilian personnel inside the Recruiting Station besides the two soldiers who were shot. http://arkansasmatters.com/content/fulltext/?cid=226222

FBI Probes Muhammad's Ties to Ohio Mosque
Nuradin Abdi was convicted in 2007 of planning to blow up an Ohio shopping mall. Iyman Faris was convicted in 2003 of planning to blow up the Brooklyn Bridge. Christopher Paul was convicted in 2008 of conspiring to use explosives against targets in the U.S. and Europe. All three terrorists worshiped and socialized at a small mosque in Columbus, Ohio. The FBI now is investigating reports of links to that same mosque by Muslim-convert Abdulhakim Muhammad who allegedly shot and killed one soldier Monday and critically wounded another in a drive-by attack on a Little Rock, Ark., recruiting station. Muhammad appears to have attended the mosque during a period from 2006 to 2007 when evidence indicates he resided in Columbus. It is unclear what, if any, links he had to the individuals already convicted. However, his possible links to the mosque are one promising avenue under investigation as the government attempts to reconstruct Muhammad's path to radicalization and to establish firmly whether he acted alone in the recruiting station shooting. http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/Blotter/story?id=7758485&page=1
Drug gangs kill 11 in Mexico, mutilate bodies
Mexican police found 11 bodies in an abandoned vehicle near the U.S. border on Thursday, some with their hands and legs cut off and left with threatening messages scrawled by suspected drug hit men. The bodies of the men, who were shot to death, were found in the northwestern state of Sonora in a stolen SUV with Arizona plates. Violence is also spilling into U.S. border states like California and Arizona, worrying Washington. U.S. President Barack Obama visited Mexico City in April and promised to crack down on the flow of American weapons into Mexico that has helped drug gangs amass huge arsenals. [Link](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/04/AR2009060404265.html)

36 Gang Members Busted with 69 Firearms Headed to Drug Cartels
Several law enforcement agencies nabbed 36 gang members and gang associates Tuesday, along with 69 firearms. The seized firearms included 14 assault rifles and a sniper rifle. The firearms were sold to a government informant, who told the gang members he planned to ship the firearms to Mexico's drug cartels. Other weapons included 22 handguns, 16 shotguns and 17 rifles, including a Barrett .50-caliber sniper rifle. Agents also seized about $40,000 in cash and small amounts of cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, and marijuana. The suspects range in age from 18 to 45. All were arrested in Omaha. [Link](http://www.borderfirereport.net/news-headlines/36-gang-members-busted-with-69-firearms-headed-to-drug-cartels.php)

FEMA Toll-Free Number Provides Disaster Help in Many Languages
If you need information to apply for disaster assistance and you communicate best in a language other than English, you can call FEMA's toll-free number and talk with someone who literally speaks your language. "It's important that everyone affected by this disaster is able to obtain the information they need. If you know someone, a friend or relative, who has limited English proficiency, please let them know FEMA's toll-free number is supported by translators fluent in most of the world's languages." FEMA leads the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery and mitigation. The agency is committed to reducing the loss of life and property and supporting a culture of readiness for all hazards, including natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other catastrophes. Register for assistance online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) at any time or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) (TTY 1-800-462-7585). [Link](http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=48048)

Mazda recalls 2009 Mazda3 vehicles
Mazda is recalling 7,100 my 2009 Mazda3 vehicles equipped with dynamic stability control for failing to comply with the requirements of federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 126, "electronic stability control system." The yaw rate measured after completion of the sine with dwell steering input exceeded the test standards. This results in improper operation of the electronic stability control. Dealers will inspect and have the unit replaced free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. [Link](http://www.totalrecallinfo.com/freerecalls.php?id=11878)
Ricin scare prompts Hazmat response

A Hazmat team responded yesterday when police found what appeared to be ricin in an Everett, Washington home. The situation started out as an alleged domestic violence assault. The 43-year-old victim was hospitalized, and reported hazardous materials to the police. Police recognized that the materials could be ricin, and the scene was contained. Hazmat crews said they found both the components to make ricin along with what appears to be the finished product in an office in the home. The domestic violence suspect, the woman's 46-year-old husband, is being hospitalized and will be taken into custody. It is against the law to possess ricin, so the man could face federal charges, as well as domestic violence charges. The FBI says this is not a terrorism-related incident. While even the tiniest bit of ricin can be deadly, you have to be in very close contact with the toxin in order for it to get in your bloodstream. For this reason, the FBI says the incident is not a public health threat. No homes have been evacuated. (From GlobalIncidentMap.com)

http://www.king5.com/localnews/stories/NW_060409WAB-ricin-everett-KS.4b44591f.html#

Three US Senate office buildings closed on February 3, 2004, after ricin was found in the mailroom that serves Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's office. No injuries were reported.

On February 4, 2004, as part of the ongoing investigation as to the source of this most recent ricin attack, the Secret Service acknowledged that ricin had also been found at a White House mail-processing center in early November 2003.

A vial containing ricin was also found at a post office in Greenville, South Carolina, in October 2003. The envelope, addressed to the US Department of Transportation, was labeled “caution RICIN POISON.” The letter, protesting a proposed federal limit on the number of truckers’ hours behind the wheel to go into effect in January 2004, was signed “Fallen Angel.”

Officials suspect that the attacks in October 2003 and November 2003 are related because both letters were signed “Fallen Angel” and contained ricin of poor quality. The FBI is currently investigating whether these two earlier attacks are at all related to the ricin found in the Senate mailroom.

From 1991-1997, 3 cases involving ricin were reported in the United States.

In Minnesota, 4 members of the Patriots Council, an extremist group that held antigovernment and antitax ideals and advocated the overthrow of the US government, were arrested in 1991 for plotting to kill a US marshal with ricin. The ricin was produced in a home laboratory. They planned to mix the ricin with the solvent dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and then smear it on the door handles of the marshal's vehicle. The plan was discovered, and the men were convicted.

In 1995, a man entered Canada from Alaska on his way to North Carolina. Canadian custom officials stopped the man and found him in possession of several guns, $98,000, and a container of white powder, which was identified as ricin.

In 1997, a man shot his stepson in the face. Investigators discovered a makeshift laboratory in his basement and found agents such as ricin and nicotine sulfate.

The use of ricin is not limited to the United States.

In December 2002, 6 terrorist suspects were arrested in Manchester, England. Their apartment was serving as a "ricin laboratory." Among them was a 27-year-old chemist who was producing the toxin.

On January 5, 2003, British police raided 2 residences around London and found traces of ricin, which led to an investigation of a possible Chechen separatist plan to attack the Russian embassy with the toxin. Several arrests were made.
U.S. Army servers breached by Turkish hackers

Hackers based in Turkey penetrated two US army web servers and redirected traffic from those websites to other pages, including one with anti-American and anti-Israeli messages. The hackers, who go by the group name 'm0sted', breached a server at the army's McAlester Ammunition Plant in Oklahoma on 26 January and a server at the US Army Corps of Engineers' Transatlantic Center in Winchester, Virginia, on 19 September, 2007. Investigators believe an SQL injection attack was used to exploit a vulnerability in Microsoft's SQL Server database in order to gain access to the servers. It is unclear whether any sensitive information was accessed. Search warrants have been served on Microsoft, Yahoo, Google and other ISPs and email providers, while a criminal investigation is underway at the Defense Department, the US Army's Judge Advocate General's Office, and the Computer Emergency Response Team. The same group defaced the United Nations website in 2007, also using a SQL injection attack. [http://news.zdnet.co.uk/security/0,1000000189,39658759,00.htm](http://news.zdnet.co.uk/security/0,1000000189,39658759,00.htm)

Spammers find new ways to flood corporate networks

Unsolicited e-mail accounted for 90.4 percent of all messages received on corporate networks during April, an increase of 5.1 percent from a month earlier. The report on threat trends also found that nearly 58 percent of all spam can be traced to botnets. Researchers noted that in addition to using botnets, spammers in recent months have been experimenting with a new way to sneak unwanted email past corporate filters. Often a spammer will rent legitimate network services, often in an Eastern European country, and then blast a large amount of spam at the network of a specific ISP. The idea is to push as many messages as possible onto the network before any kind of filtering software detects the incident. The researcher estimates that hundreds of thousands of such messages are sent each day without detection. [http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=339801&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=339801&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top)

Suspected suicide blast kills 30 at Pakistani mosque

A suspected suicide attacker detonated his explosives at a mosque in northwestern Pakistan during Friday prayers, killing at least 30 people and wounding roughly 40 others. Residents were trying to stop the suspect from entering the main gate of the mosque when the explosion happened at about 3 p.m. It is the latest attack on civilians in northwestern Pakistan. Militants bombed a girls' school near Peshawar on Thursday, damaging several classrooms but resulting in no casualties. Earlier this week, militants abducted more than 120 students and staff at a graduation ceremony at Razmak Cadet College. The Pakistani army rescued most of them, while remaining hostages were freed after tribal elders negotiated their release. On Monday, militants bombed a bus station in Kohat, killing two civilians and wounding 18. [http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/asiapcf/06/05/mosque.attack.pakistan/index.html?eref=rss_world](http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/asiapcf/06/05/mosque.attack.pakistan/index.html?eref=rss_world)
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Washington DC Links

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It's A Disaster (Disaster Preparedness, Prevention and First Aid Manual) http://hsema.dc.gov/dcema/cwp/view,a,1226,Q,609437,dcemaNav[,]31810|.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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