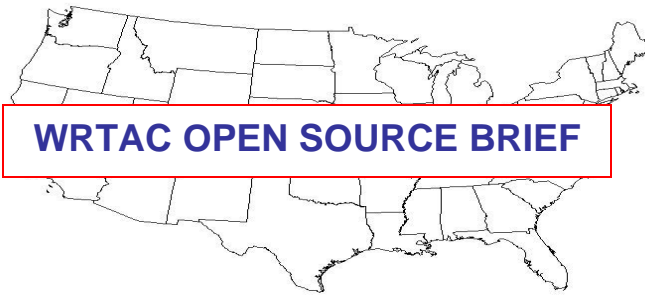


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Submit a Tip

In an Emergency Call 9-1-1

202-727-9099 (CIC)

1-888-919-CRIME

Text Tip: 50411

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Use of Red-Light Cameras in Washington Area Increases

Since the first red-light cameras were installed in Arlington County in 1995, jurisdictions throughout the Washington region began snapping scofflaws, collecting fines as high as \$75. Now, about 158 intersections are wired, and more will be soon. The devices are growing in popularity and got a boost from a new study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety that found traffic fatalities at District intersections with photo enforcement dropped 26 percent from 2004 to 2008. Despite objections from people who say the cameras are to raise revenue and those who dislike the feeling that "big brother" is watching, Maryland and the District are increasing their extensive inventories. Cameras will be installed in about a year at District intersections that have demonstrated a need, D.C. Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier told The Washington Post this month.



<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/23/AR2011022303784.html>

Police Seek Assistance in Locating Suspect in Robbery of 71 Year-Old Woman (NCR RFI)

The Prince George's County Police Department's District III Robbery Suppression Team is seeking the public's assistance in locating a suspect wanted in connection with a strong armed robbery of a 71 year-old woman in District Heights, Maryland. On February 25, 2011 at approximately 9:20 a.m., the 71 year-old victim was at the Cigarette Discount located in the 5700 block of Silver Hill Road when the suspect entered the store posing as a customer. The suspect then grabbed the victim's purse, which was slung over her arm, causing the victim to fall over as the suspect fled the store on foot. The victim sustained fractures to her knee cap and finger, as well as bruised ribs, and abrasions to her hands. **The suspect is described as a black male, wearing all black clothing, with a black hat and corn rows that hang down to his shoulders.** Anyone with information about the robbery or the suspects is urged to call the Prince George's County Police Department's District III Robbery Suppression Team at 301-772-4425. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) or text "PGPD plus your message" to CRIMES (274637) on your cell phone or go to <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police/> and submit a tip online. <http://cms.princegeorgescountymd.gov/PoliceNews/default.aspx?itemid=3019>

Serial Rapist Investigation Expands to Digital Billboards on the East Coast (NCR RFI)

Today, the FBI, with Fairfax County, Prince William County, Prince George’s County, Leesburg, New Haven, and Cranston Police Departments launched a digital billboard campaign to assist in a serial rape investigation involving 12 sexual assaults or attempted sexual assaults between 1997 and 2009 by the same offender. Each of these assaults is linked by DNA. Digital billboards featuring composite sketches of the offender are now running in Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island and Virginia, where the attacks and attempts have occurred as well as neighboring states, New Jersey, New York and Delaware. Since the start of the FBI’s digital billboard partnership at least 39 cases have been solved as a direct result from tips from the public. “These billboards give each local police department, and the FBI, an added edge to identifying, locating and apprehending the subject,” said Ronald Hosko, Special Agent in Charge of the Criminal Division, FBI, Washington Field Office. “The public is the most important tool law enforcement has for solving crime.” Fairfax County Police Department has launched a dedicated website, www.EastCoastRapist.com, which provides composites and additional description of the offender. “We have the DNA linking the offender, but we need someone to recognize and identify him,” said John Kelly, Detective with the Fairfax County Police Department. Victims in the assaults have been black, white and Hispanic females. **The offender generally approaches the victims outdoors on foot and threatens them with a weapon; usually a knife or a handgun. In two of the earliest assaults, the offender approached the victims on a bike. The offender sometimes wears a black mask or hooded sweatshirt to conceal his face. After approaching the victim, the offender asks the victim for money, giving the victim the impression that she is being robbed, but does not take anything after the assault is over.** The dates and locations of these assaults are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb. 19, 1997	Forestville, MD	May 24, 2001	Leesburg, VA
Aug. 20, 1997	Suitland, MD	Aug. 16, 2001	Temple Hills, MD
July 3, 1997	Temple Hills, MD	Dec. 28, 2001	Alexandria, VA
Jun.19, 1999	Alexandria, VA	Nov. 28, 2006	Cranston, RI
Jan. 13, 2000	Alexandria, VA	Jan. 10, 2007	New Haven, CT
Nov. 20, 2000	Alexandria, VA	Oct. 31, 2009	Woodbridge, VA

Prince George’s County Police Department is offering up to a \$25,000 reward for information related to this investigation. Law enforcement agencies involved are asking that anyone who may have knowledge of this subject contact the Crime Solvers hotline at 1-866-411-TIPS/ 8477 <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2011/02281eastcoastrapist.htm>



HEALTH ALERT: Measles Exposure in the District of Columbia

(Public Health)

The District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH) is alerting residents and visitors to a potential measles exposure in some locations of the District between February 20-22, 2011. This is the same case of measles that the Virginia health authorities announced traveled through Dulles Airport.



Potential Exposure Locations

The following locations were identified as places where exposure may have occurred. Anyone exposed to a person diagnosed with Measles should verify that they have received two doses of the Measles vaccine. If you have not received two doses of the vaccine, or if you experience the symptoms listed below, please contact your healthcare provider.

Location	Date	Time of Potential Exposure
D1 or D6 bus from Georgetown towards Columbia Heights	February 21, 2011	10:30 am – 2:30 pm
S2 or S4 bus from Columbia Heights towards Georgetown	February 21, 2011	1:30 – 5:30 pm
Potbelly's Sandwich Shop 1400 Irving Street, NW	February 21, 2011	11:00 am – 5:00 pm

About Measles

Symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Conjunctivitis (red eye)
- Cough
- A red blotchy rash appearing on the 3rd to 7th day beginning on the face and spreads to the rest of the body.

If you believe you have been exposed to measles:

- Contact your healthcare provider, especially if you have never had the disease or have never been vaccinated.
- A person with measles should remain at home for four days after the rash appears.

Once an individual has had Measles, they generally develop lifelong immunity from the disease. Measles can be prevented by a two dose vaccination. This is a safe and highly effective vaccine. The first dose of Measles vaccine should be given between 12 and 15 months of age. A second dose of vaccine is given at school entry (4 to 6 years of age). Both doses are generally given as combined measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine. Adults are also able to receive the vaccine. Additional information about Measles and other related health topics can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website www.cdc.gov.

U.S. Embassy in Libya Closed, Americans Evacuated

The U.S. State Department announced February 25 that it had closed the U.S. Embassy in Libya in response to increasing violence there. According to a White House spokesman, a ferry with about 200 U.S. citizens arrived safely in Malta. "The State Department has suspended embassy operations in Libya and will temporarily withdraw all embassy employees from Tripoli," the spokesman said. Remaining embassy personnel and American citizens who requested evacuation were flown via charter plane to Istanbul, Turkey. Other nations from Britain to China were also scrambling to get their citizens out of the country as Libya's leader struggled to hold on to his slipping grip on power. <http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14143715>



FBI Warns of Fertilizer Purchases for Explosives

(Terrorism BOLO)

The FBI is reminding farm supply stores and other businesses across the United States to keep an eye out for suspicious purchases of fertilizer and other substances that can be used to make explosives. An FBI spokesman in Denver said February 24 that the FBI sent letters warning firms to watch for suspicious behavior by buyers and for unusually large purchases of certain fertilizers, pesticides, and other combustibles. ABC News first reported February 24 that letters had been sent to businesses around the country. An official from the FBI field office in Denver said the office sent letters to about 100 businesses in Colorado and Wyoming. The letter and an accompanying flier urge businesses to be aware of buyers with little knowledge of crops or fertilizers, large purchases of fertilizers containing ammonium nitrate out of season, and buyers paying with large amounts of cash or using rental vehicles to transport large amounts of fertilizer. Similar letters have been sent by FBI offices around the country to swimming pool firms and beauty supply stores.



<http://www.nationalterroralert.com/2011/02/24/fbi-letter-warns-of-fertilizer-purchases-for-explosives/>

Bill Proposes Chief Security Officers at Federal Agencies

(Cyber Security)

New cybersecurity legislation before Congress calls for each federal agency to appoint a dedicated chief information security officer (CISO) to ensure the federal government is complying with cybersecurity regulations. The "Cybersecurity and Internet Freedom Act of 2011" — introduced by U.S. Senators from Connecticut, Maine, and Delaware — spells out the role of CISOs within federal agencies and outlines how federal agencies should better manage security both inside organizations and across the federal government. According to the bill, CISOs will, like Chief Information Officers (CIOs), be given the authority and a budget to perform their duties, first and foremost of which will be to ensure compliance with the security measures they set up within each agency. They also will designate a series of security controls that can be "continuously monitored" to ensure an agency is complying with its own regulations. According to the legislation, CISOs will be reporting to the director of the NCCC, who they must work with not only on security incidents affecting each agency, but also on ones that affect the government that are not under an agency's jurisdiction, according to the bill.

http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=229219377&cid=RSSfeed_IWK_All

Global Weekend Incidents

- AFGHANISTAN - 1 Injured In Gunshot In Kabul
- AFGHANISTAN - 2 Bomb Blasts During Dog Fight Kill 8
- AFGHANISTAN - 2 Service Members Killed In Afghanistan
- AFGHANISTAN - 3 Rockets Fired Into Heart Of Kabul
- AFGHANISTAN - 3 Rockets Hit Afghan Capital - No Casualties
- AFGHANISTAN - 9 Civilians Killed In Roadside Bomb Blast In Eastern Afghanistan
- AFGHANISTAN - Afghan Intelligence Agency Nets 6 Terrorists
- AFGHANISTAN - Mine Blast Strikes Police Car - 1 Killed 1 Wounded
- AFGHANISTAN - Suicide Bomber Kills 1 - Injures 27 In Faryab Province
- AFGHANISTAN - Taliban Claim To Have Captured Canadian Secret Agent
- ALABAMA - Airport Terminal Shut Down For Suspicious Package - Bomb Squad Called In
- ALGERIA - First Algeria Protests Since Lifting Of Emergency Law
- ARABIAN SEA - ONI Advisory - Merchant Vessel Reports Coming Under Fire
- ARGENTINA - Railway Station Closed After Strike In Buenos Aires
- BAHRAIN - Bahrain King Reshuffles Cabinet As Thousands Rally
- BAHRAIN - Bahraini Protesters Move To Parliament Building
- BANGLADESH - 4 Hizbut Men Held
- CALIFORNIA - Oscars Attendees Get A Fright After Area Bomb Scare
- CANADA - Bomb Threat Made Against Canadian PM
- CANADA - Hospital Caring For Baby Joseph On Alert After Email And Telephone Threats From US And Canada
- CHINA - Beijing Police On Alert For Jasmine Revolution - Police Beat Foreign Journalists
- COLOMBIA - Colombian Ecopetrol Oil Pipeline Attacked

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

CONGO - DR Congo Thwarts Coup Attempt
CROATIA - Croatian Police Clash With 1500 Protestors - Detain 58
CYPRUS - Shots And Threats Fired At Cypriot Newspaper Offices
CYPRUS - Shots Fired At Turkish Cypriot Newspaper Office
EGYPT - Al-Qaidas No 2 Incites Tunisians - Egyptians
FRANCE - Vandalism Or Sabotage - 40000 Railway Voyagers Affected
GAZA - IAF Strikes 2 Targets In Central Gaza Following Kassams
INDIA - 2 Children Injured In Bomb Blast
INDIA - 5 Killed 3 Injured In Homemade Bomb Explosion
INDIA - 6 Maoists Killed - 1 Arrested - Weapons Recovered
INDIA - 8 Including 3 Police Injured By Bomb In Manipur
INDIA - Al Qaeda And Harkat Ul Jihad Threaten To Blow Up NSC Bose Airport
INDIA - Bomb Threat Call At Railway Station
INDIA - Five Killed In Kozhikode Bomb Blast
INDIA - Huge Arms - Explosives Recovered In Kashmir
INDIA - Maoists Attack 2 Construction Companies Stopping Work On Bridge
INDIA - Maoists Call 2-Day Strike In Bihar
INDIA - Maoists Torch Machines Used In Road Construction
INDIA - PLFI Activist Gunned Down In Gumla
INDIA - Terror Threat To World Cup - Cops
INDIA - Truck Driver Shot Dead In Kashmir
INDIA- Top NDFB Rebel Bomber Arrested In Maghalaya
IRAQ - 2 Katusha Rockets Fall On US Base In Diwaniya
IRAQ - 2 Soldiers Wounded In Baghdad IED Blast
IRAQ - 5 Terrorists Killed After Intelligence Tips Received
IRAQ - 7 Bombs Defused - 19 Wanted Persons Detained
IRAQ - 7 IEDs Defused In Diala
IRAQ - 9 Persons Injured In 4 IED Blasts In Baghdad
IRAQ - Iraqs Baiji Oil Refinery Shut By Bombing
IRAQ - Policeman Killed - Al-Qaida Leader Captured In Iraq
IRAQ - Roadside Bomb Wounds 3 Civilians In Mosul
IRAQ - Sticky Bomb Wounds 2 Civilians In Baghdad
IRAQ - Suicide Bomb Blows Self Up - Forces Kill 5 Armed Men
IRAQ - Unidentified Gunmen Shoot Dead Former Sahwa Force Member
IRAQ - University Professor Shot Dead Near Baghdad
IRAQ - West Iraqs Babel Governor Resigns Following Mass Protests
ISRAEL - Gaza Terrorists Fire Rocket And Mortar At Israel
ISRAEL - Palestinian Terrorists Fire Yet Another Qassam Missile At Israel
ISRAEL - Stun Grenade Thrown At Pizzeria - No Injuries Reported
ITALY - Italy Charges Moroccans With Inciting Jihad
KENYA - Somali Insurgents Threaten To Attack Kenya
LIBYA - Al Qaeda Offers Aid To Rebels In Libya
LIBYA - Canada Closes Embassy In Libya - Evacuates Personnel
LIBYA - Canada Shuts Embassy - Evacuates Citizens
LIBYA - Clinton Declares Support for Rebel Libyan Government
LIBYA - Dozens Wounded As Gaddafi Force Opens Fire
LIBYA - Former Terrorist Now Under Seige
LIBYA - France Closes Embassy In Libya - Withdraws Staff
LIBYA - Kenyans Fleeing Libya Say They Were Attacked
LIBYA - Libyan Warplanes Bomb Arms Dump In East
LIBYA - Protesters Shoot Down Helicopter - Opposition Claims
LIBYA - Rebels Ready For Gaddafi Counter-Attack
LIBYA - Rebels Seize Stronghold Just 30 Miles From Tripoli
LIBYA - Tripoli Residents Say Civilians Being Armed
LIBYA - UK Closes Libyan Embassy - Evacuates 150 Civilians
LIBYA - Western Powers - Al-Qaida Behind Libyas Unrest
MADAGASCAR - Madagascar Navy Rescues Pirate-Seized Vessel

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

MASSACHUSETTS - Police Investigations After Explosions From 2 Homemade Devices
MEXICO - 26 Grenades Found In Garbage Can In Center Of Mazatlan
MEXICO - 9 Killed As Gunmen Attack Bars In Mexican City
MEXICO - Mexican Navy Detains Major Members Of Los Zetas Drug Cartel
MYANMAR - Bomb Blast Wounds 4 In Yangon Suburb
NEPAL - 40 Electric Bomb Detonators Seized From Bus
NIGERIA - Attack In Central Nigeria Kills At Least 4
NORTH KOREA - DPRK Threatens To Fire Directly At South Korean Border Facilities
NORTH KOREA - North Korea Threatens To Blast Psychological War Base In South Korea
OHIO - Another Bomb Threat At Stark State College
OKLAHOMA - Enid Bomb Squad Locates Multiple IEDs In Drug Bust
OMAN - Oman Protesters Stage Third Day Of Unrest - Supermarket Set On Fire
OMAN - Protestors Try To Storm Police Station - 2 Killed 5 Wounded
OMAN - Somali Pirates Seize Cargo Ship With 23 Crew
OMAN - Turkish Frigate Repels Pirate Attacks Off Oman
PAKISTAN - 2 Judges Kidnapped In Southwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - Arms And Ammunition Seized In Barkhan
PAKISTAN - Burnt NATO Tankers Ablaze Again In Bomb Blast
PAKISTAN - Gas Pipeline Blown Up In Southwest Pakistan
PAKISTAN - Militants Torch NATO Trucks In Balochistan
PAKISTAN - Railway Track Blown Up In Dera Murad Jamali
PAKISTAN - Terrorists Blow Up 5 Schools In Darra Adam Khel
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY - Settlers Torch Car In West Bank
PENNSYLVANIA - Building Evacuated After Bomb Threat - Man Arrested
PHILIPPINES - 1 Killed As Rebels Ambush Mayors Convoy In Central Philippines
PHILIPPINES - Rebels Kill Three Soldiers In Philippines
QATAR - Facebook Page Calls For Ouster Of Qatar Emir
RUSSIA - 5 Members Of Terrorist Group Seized In Dagestan
RUSSIA - 6 Terrorists Killed In Chechnya
RUSSIA - Killed Militants Planned Major Terrorist Attacks - Several Bombs Recovered
RUSSIA - Man Detonates Grenade In Moscow Shopping Center
RUSSIA - Nalchik On High Alert After Multiple Attacks
RUSSIA - Police In Moscow Are Searching For 3 Suicide Bombers From Chechnya
SOMALIA - 115 Die In Offensive On Somali Militants
SOMALIA - Mogadishu Shelling Claims The Lives Of Two People
SUDAN - Sudanese Army Kills 25 Militants
TEXAS - Arrested Saudi Terror Suspect Pleads Guilty
TEXAS - Wal-Mart Store Evacuated For Suspicious Package
TEXAS :: Houston city offices evacuated downtown
THAILAND - Threats To Bomb Hat Yai Shopping Mall
THAILAND - Threats To Bomb Major Shopping Mall In Hat Yai
TUNISIA - Al-Qaidas No 2 Incites Tunisians - Egyptians
TUNISIA - At Least 3 Killed In Tunisian Clashes
TUNISIA - Protests - Street Clashes Flare Up Again In Tunisia
TURKEY - Police Defuse Bomb At School In Turkey
UNITED KINGDOM - British Airways Worker Guilty Of Plane Bomb Plot
VENEZUELA - Colombia Warns Venezuela Of Rebel-Caused Oil Spill
VIRGINIA - White Powder Causes HAZMAT Scare At Prince George Church
YEMEN - 2 Soldiers Killed - 6 Injured In South Yemens Al-Qaida Ambush
YEMEN - 3 Anti-Regime Protesters Injured In Clashes In South Yemen
YEMEN - Intelligence Official Killed By Al Qaeda Terrorists In Yemen
YEMEN - Yemeni Coast Guard Foils Hijacking Of Commercial Vessel
For more information on the above incidents please visit www.globalincidentmap.com

Resources

GlobalIncidentMap.com

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

DomesticTerrorMap.com

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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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