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### Donate To Help Earthquake, Tsunami Victims

The American Red Cross has started a relief fund to help the victims of the Japan earthquake and Pacific tsunami. People can donate money on the [American Red Cross](http://www.americanredcross.org) website, or \$10 by texting REDCROSS to 90999. The Red Cross said all service charges are being waived. The [Salvation Army](http://www.salvationarmy.org) is also assisting victims. You can donate \$10 by texting "QUAKE" or "JAPAN" to 80888 or by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY. The Better Business Bureau in St. Louis is warning consumers to be cautious because fraudulent charities often crop up to take advantage of their sympathy for earthquake victims.

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/dcnews/article/141427/187/Donate-To-Help-Earthquake-Tsunami-Victims>

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(Public Awareness)



### PGPD to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint for St. Patrick's Day Holiday

The Prince George's County Police Department's Special Operations Division and the University of Maryland Police Department will conduct a joint Sobriety Checkpoint and DUI patrol enforcements in College Park on Thursday, March 17, 2011 as part of a safe St. Patrick's Day Holiday. As motorists and pedestrians

celebrate the St. Patrick's Day Holiday, the focus will be making sure they arrive to and from their destinations safely. Each year drunk driving is a major cause of injury and fatal collisions and we want to encourage those who are considering driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol to designate a sober driver if they choose to drink. The Prince George's County Police Department would like to remind all those who plan on celebrating during the St. Patrick's Day festivities to drink responsibly. Following these easy steps, you can enjoy a safe St. Patrick's Day without jeopardizing your life and the lives of others:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin
- Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys
- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely
- Call the SoberRide program at 1-800-200-TAXI (8294) for a free cab ride home

Members of the news media are invited to attend. If you would like to attend, please contact the Press Information Office on March 16, 2011 for the exact time and location.

<http://cms.princegeorgescountymd.gov/PoliceNews/default.aspx?itemid=3032>

### Police Investigate Murder and Sexual Assault

(NCR RFI)

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Major Crimes Division – Homicide/Sex Section are investigating the murder of a female store employee and the sexual assault of her female co-worker that occurred last night in a woman’s athletic clothing store in Bethesda. At approximately 8:00 a.m., a female employee arrived at the “lululemon athletica” clothing store located at 4856 Bethesda Avenue. She found the front door unlocked and when she stepped inside could tell that items in the store had been disturbed. She also heard some faint noise coming from the back of the store. Realizing that something was wrong, she left the store to seek help and call police. Officers found a 30-year-old female store employee dead inside at the back of the store. They also found another store employee, a 27-year-old female, bound and injured, but still alive. She was transported to an area hospital for treatment. It is believed that shortly thereafter two men, dressed all in black with faces and hands covered, entered the store. A robbery of commercial proceeds occurred, one victim was murdered, and the other victim was sexually assaulted. Because the suspects wore masks and gloves, the race of the suspects is not known. One suspect is described as being 6’ tall, the other a little over 5’3” tall. No further description is currently available.



[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA\\_details.asp?NaID=5846](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA_details.asp?NaID=5846)

Anyone who has information about this homicide and sexual assault is asked to call the Homicide/Sex Section at 240-773-5070. Those who wish to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers of Montgomery County toll-free at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) or 240-773-TIPS (8477). Crime Solvers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information provided to them that leads to the arrest and/or indictment of the persons responsible for these felony crimes. Anonymous tips can also be provided by typing “MCPD” plus the tip on a cell phone or PDA and texting it to 274637 (CRIMES).

### Police Investigate Homicide on Eli Place

(NCR RFI)

The Prince George’s County Police Department’s Homicide Unit is investigating the murder of George Eugene Borden, 46, early this morning in Landover, Maryland. At approximately 4:40 a.m., patrol officers responded to the 1300 block of Eli Place for a report to check on the welfare of an unconscious person. Upon arrival, officers found Borden, of no fixed address, lying on the floor suffering from trauma to his body. Borden was pronounced dead at the scene. Detectives are working to identify the suspect(s) and establish a motive in this case. The investigation is ongoing. **Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Prince George’s County Police Department’s Homicide Unit at (301) 772-4925. 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=3029>

### Warning and Recall Notice: Winchester Ranger Law Enforcement 223 Remington 64 Grain Power-Point

Olin Corporation, through its Winchester Division, is recalling 6 lots of its RANGER 223 Remington 64 Grain Power-Point (PP) centerfire rifle ammunition (Symbol Number RA223R2). Lot Numbers (last four characters): DK01, DK11, DK21, DK31, DK41, and DK51. Through extensive evaluation Winchester has determined the above lots of RANGER Law Enforcement ammunition may contain incorrect propellant. Incorrect propellant in this ammunition may cause firearm damage, rendering the firearm inoperable, and subject the shooter or bystanders to a risk of serious personal injury when fired.



<http://www.winchester.com/library/news/Pages/News-ProductWarningandRecall.aspx>

### **Kia Recalls 70,000 Optimas for Transmission Defect**

(Public Safety)

Kia Motors is recalling more than 70,000 Optima midsize sedans to fix transmission problems that can cause the cars to roll even while they are in park, Associated Press reported March 11. The cars are from the 2006 through 2008 model years and were built from September 29, 2005 to June 13, 2007. In documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Kia said that on some of the cars, a transmission shifter cable was installed incorrectly and can become detached from the shifter. If the cable comes off, the car would stay in the last gear used even if the driver puts the transmission in park, the documents said. "If the driver leaves the vehicle without engaging the parking brake, there is a possibility that the vehicle can roll, creating the risk of a crash," Kia said. No injuries have been reported, but Kia concluded that under "extraordinary circumstances" the cars could roll inadvertently. Kia plans to start the recall in March and will notify owners by mail.



<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/03/11/state/n051947S27.DTL>

### **State Department Issues Warning of Possible Attack on U.S. Interests**

(Terrorism TTP)

The U.S. State Department is warning of a possible imminent terrorist attack against U.S. interests, including the American embassy and American school, in the West African nation of Mali. The U.S. Embassy in the capital of Bamako said March 10 it has "credible information of a possible attack in the immediate future" against the embassy and the school. In a security alert to U.S. citizens in Mali, the embassy also said it had "credible information of a possible kidnapping plot targeting Americans and other Westerners in Bamako." The notice said Americans should increase their security precautions, especially in areas of Bamako frequented by Westerners but gave no details about the potential attacks. Al-Qaida affiliates have in the past carried out attacks in Mali.



[http://www.whsv.com/nationalap/headlines/State Department Issues Warning of Possible Attack on US Interests\\_117806979.html](http://www.whsv.com/nationalap/headlines/State%20Department%20Issues%20Warning%20of%20Possible%20Attack%20on%20US%20Interests_117806979.html)

### **Key Army Radio System Has a 72 Percent Failure Rate**

(Military Communications)

The Defense Department's (DOD) top weapons tester told lawmakers at a hearing March 9 a key component of the Army's battlefield network now in development failed 72 percent of the time in tests in 2010. The network is the centerpiece of the service's modernization strategy, according to testimony by Army Vice Chief of Staff at the same hearing. The Ground Mobile Radio version of the Joint Tactical Radio System worked so poorly in secure voice mode that the combat unit conducting the tests in 2010 at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico had to rely on runners for communications, according to the DOD's director of operational test and evaluation. The Army plans to install the Boeing-developed Ground Mobile Radio in its tactical vehicles, as well as use it to transmit broadband data across the battlefield along with voice communications, according to the Army Vice Chief of Staff.



[http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20110310\\_9571.php](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110310_9571.php)

### **Global Weekend Incidents**

AFGHANISTAN - Al-Qaedas New Magazine For Women Mixes Beauty And Bomb Tips

AFGHANISTAN - Roadside Bomb Kills 4 Civilians In Shorabak District

AFGHANISTAN - Several Insurgents Killed In Afghan Kunar Province

CALIFORNIA - Passenger Prayer Spurs Security Alert On LA Flight

GERMANY - German Customs Officials Thwart Caucasus Weapons Smuggling

**UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION**

INDIA - 6 Naxals Shot Dead - Arms And Ammunitions Seized  
INDIA - 7 Pakistani Nationals Arrested Off Jharkhand Coast  
INDIA - Cops Find 100 Bombs And Huge Amount Of Explosives In House  
INDIA - Explosives Recovered From Jamalpur Express  
INDIA - Grenade Attack At AGP Candidate Home In Assam  
INDIA - Grenade Attack On Security Forces In North Kashmir  
INDIA - Maoists Call For 48 Hour Shutdown In 4 States  
INDIA - Militant Commander Killed In Gunfight In Indian Controlled Kashmir  
INDIA - Militant In Sopore Sisters Murder Gunned Down  
INDIA - Navy Intercepts Pirate Ship - 13 Crew Rescued  
IRAN - Terrorist Killed In Kurdistan Province  
IRAQ - 2 Killed In IED Blast They Were Planting In Shurqat  
IRAQ - 2 Leaders Of Islamic State Of Iraq Group Arrested  
IRAQ - 7 Iraqi Soldiers Killed By Unknown Gunmen In Mosul  
IRAQ - 8 Wanted Persons Arrested - Katyusha Rocket Launching Pads Seized  
IRAQ - Army Kills Key Member Of ISI South Of Mosul  
IRAQ - Bomb Blast Wounds 3 Civilians In Baghdad  
IRAQ - Gunmen Shoot Down Army Officer In Mosul  
IRAQ - IED Attached To Vehicle Kills Cop In Mosul  
IRAQ - Leader Of Extremist Group Arrested In Kirkuk  
IRAQ - Policeman Wounded In IED Blast In Mosul  
IRELAND - Speed-Camera Van Target Of Suspected Firebomb Attack  
ISRAEL - Nablus Area Closed After Attack On Settlement  
ISRAEL - Palestinian Detained With Molotov Cocktails  
ISRAEL - Palestinian Shoots And Kills Family Of 5  
JAPAN - 6th Nuclear Reactor Loses Cooling Functions  
JAPAN - Hydrogen Explosion At Another Japanese Nuclear Reactor - Reactor 3  
JAPAN - Japan Reactor Fuel Rods May Have Begun To Melt  
JAPAN - Japan Reports Emergency At Second Nuclear Reactor  
JAPAN - Partial Meltdown Likely Underway At Second Nuclear Reactor  
JAPAN - Radiation Levels Increase 400 Times In Miyagi Prefecture  
KUWAIT - US Soldier Held With Grenade In Suitcase At Airport  
LIBYA - Al-Qaeda Wants Islamic Rule In Libya  
LIBYA - Heavy Shelling Forces Rebels To Flee In Libya  
LIBYA - Qaeda Leader Warns Of Cost Of Defeat To Kadhafi  
MARYLAND - Suspicious Powder at Bethesda Postal Facility  
MEXICO - Army Seizes Aircraft In Northwestern Mexico  
MEXICO - Gunmen Kidnap US Professor In Mexico  
MEXICO - Gunmen Kill 7 In Northern Mexico  
MEXICO - Mexican Activist Flees Border City After Death Threats  
MEXICO - Mexican Police Chief Gets Death Threat On 3rd Day In Office  
MEXICO - Mexico Arrests 3 Car-Bomb Suspects  
MINNESOTA - Bomb Threat Shuts Down Rochester Airport  
MOSUL - Unknown Gunmen Kill Health Official In Mosul  
NEW YORK - Italian Man Charged With Making Bomb Threat At US Airport - Claims It was A Joke  
NIGERIA - Intelligence Reports Indicate Politicians Planning Bomb Attacks To Disrupt Campaigns  
PAKISTAN - 2 Arrested In Pakistan In Connection With Blast Near ISI Office  
PAKISTAN - 2 NATO Tankers Torched In Bolan

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PAKISTAN - 4 Killed As Rocket Strikes House In Jaffarabad  
PAKISTAN - 4 Officials Injured In Naseerabad Landmine Blast  
PAKISTAN - 6 Killed In Fresh Firing Incidents In Karachi  
PAKISTAN - 7 Killed In Attack On Bus In Hangu  
PAKISTAN - 8 Militants Killed In Orakzai  
PAKISTAN - Bus Burnt By Protesters In Karachi  
PAKISTAN - CD Shop Blown Up In Peshawar  
PAKISTAN - Gas Pipeline Blown In Southwest Pakistan  
PAKISTAN - Gas Pipeline Blown Up In Pir Koh  
PAKISTAN - Gunmen Torch 2 NATO Tankers In Balochistan  
PAKISTAN - Militants Blow Up 2 Gas Pipelines In Dera Bugti  
PAKISTAN - Militants Threaten Pakistani Actress  
PAKISTAN - One Injured In 2 Bomb Explosions Near Police Station  
PAKISTAN - Twelve Killed As Karachi Violence Continues  
PAKISTAN - US Missiles Kill 7 Militants  
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY - IDF Arrests 20 In Nablus In Wake Of Itamar Terror Attack  
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY - Settlers Throw Molotov Cocktails At Cars In Nablus  
SAUDI ARABIA - Saudis Protest Outside Interior Ministry  
SUDAN - 30 Killed In Clashes Between South Sudan Army - Militias  
SUDAN - South Sudan Rebels Raid Oil Town  
UKRAINE - Hamas Slams Palestinians Kidnap In Ukraine  
VIRGINIA - Sniper - Man Shooting At Police From Mountains Kills 1 Officer Injures 3  
WASHINGTON - LeT Extends Jihad Campaign From India To US  
YEMEN - 3 Killed - 300 Injured In Clashes Between Police - Protesters In Yemen  
YEMEN - Al-Qaida Kills 1 Policeman In Ambush In South Yemen  
YEMEN - Police Fire On Yemeni Protesters - 100 Plus Injured  
For more information on the above incidents please visit [www.globalincidentmap.com](http://www.globalincidentmap.com)

## Resources

**GlobalIncidentMap.com**

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

**DomesticTerrorMap.com**

### Washington DC Links

Live Traffic Reports <http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT/On+Your+Street/Traffic+Management/Live+Traffic+Reports>

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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