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DC Launches 'Potholepalooza 2011'

DC Mayor Vincent Gray, Councilmember Marion Barry and DDOT have launched a campaign to aggressively fix potholes in the city. During "Potholepalooza 2011" District officials plan to fill every pothole, said Mayor Gray. Residents and commuters can help achieve this goal by calling, going online, emailing or tweeting for pothole repairs. You can report a pothole in the following ways:

- calling the Mayors Call Center at 311
- using the On-line Service Request Center at 311.dc.gov
- texting a message or tweeting to twitter.com/DDOTDC
- or e-mail to Potholepalooza@dc.gov



Make sure to identify the exact location including the correct quadrant (Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest) in the city and give as much detail as possible, including the approximate size and depth of the pothole. Mayor Gray has challenged DDOT to repair reported potholes within 24 hours. You can view the [total number of potholes filled online here courtesy of DDOT](#). The campaign will run through April 21. <http://www.wusa9.com/news/dcnews/article/142722/187/DC-Launches-Potholepalooza-2011>

Thwarted Abductions: How to Keep Kids Safe

Children face the greatest risk of being abducted when they're traveling to and from school, according to [The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#) (NCMEC). The hours between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. are the most critical, according to Ernie Allen, President of NCMEC.

Here are tips to keep children safe:

- Avoid having children travel alone; walk in groups whenever possible.
- Parents should have frequent talks with children about how to recognize suspicious signs. Children should be wary when an adult walks up to ask for directions or help.
- Children should be confident enough to say "No" to a request for help from an adult, according to Allen. Children should understand that adults should be approaching another ADULT to ask for answers.
- Parents should empower their children to learn how to take action in a dangerous situation.

(Public Safety)



"Of all of the kids who are successful in evading or getting away from potential abductor, 84 percent of them got away because of something they did," says Allen. "Because they recognized the situation, they ran away from it, they fought back, they made noise, they attracted attention to themselves."

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/dcnews/article/142756/187/Thwarted-Abductions-How-To-Keep-Kids-Safe->

Police Urge Caution after 4th Degree Sex Offense of Child in Suitland

(NCR RFI)

The Prince George's County Police Department is urging caution after a twelve year-old girl reported that she was inappropriately touched by an unknown suspect while walking to school near Regency Parkway and Hil Mar Drive in Suitland, Maryland. At approximately 8:00 a.m. this morning, the victim and her friend were walking along Regency Parkway near Hil Mar Drive en route to Andrew Jackson Middle School. A male subject was walking ahead of both girls at the time and suddenly turned around and approached them. The suspect inappropriately touched the victim at which point both girls ran towards the school and notified school administration while the suspect fled on foot. **The victim described the suspect as a black male, approximately 30 years of age, around 5'6" with a medium build and no facial hair. He was last seen wearing black pajama pants with white writing, a black jacket, and "New Balance" brand tennis shoes.** Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Prince George's County Police Department's District III station at (301) 772-4901. 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=3035>



Identity of Suspects Sought in BB&T Attempt Bank Robbery

(NCR RFI)

On March 21st, at approximately 1:30 p.m., two suspects walked into the BB&T Bank located in the 3400 block of Donnell Drive posing as customers. Once inside, the second suspect remained in the lobby while the first suspect approached the teller and passed a note demanding money. The victim immediately activated an alarm which made the suspects flee the bank, making good their escape. **The first suspect is described as a black male, 5'5" – 5'9" tall, weighing approximately 130 pounds. The second suspect is described as a black male, 5'9" – 5'11" tall, weighing approximately 150 pounds.** Anyone with information about the suspect is urged to call the Prince George's County Police Department's Robbery Unit at 301-772-4905. 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. Surveillance camera photos of the suspects are shown below.



<http://cms.princegeorgescountymd.gov/PoliceNews/default.aspx?itemid=3037>

Police Investigate Homicide on Kenilworth Avenue

(NCR RFI)

The Prince George's County Police Department's Homicide Unit is investigating the homicide of 57 year-old Standard Dean Sweet yesterday evening in Capitol Heights, Maryland. On March 19, 2011 at approximately 8:41 p.m., patrol officers responded to Franks Tavern located in the 1700 block of Kenilworth Avenue for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found Standard Sweet, of the 3900 block of 1st Street, SW Washington, DC, in the parking lot suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. 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=3036>

Detectives Investigate Death in Olney as Suspicious

(NCR RFI)

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Major Crimes Division – Homicide/Sex Section are investigating a death in Olney as suspicious. March 19th at approximately 5:06 p.m., 4th District officers responded to the 19500 block of Olney Mill Road for the report of a suspicious situation. Upon arrival they found Nazir Ahmed, age 81, unresponsive inside his residence. He was pronounced dead at the scene. At this stage of the investigation the circumstances surrounding his death appear suspicious. Detectives found evidence at the scene that leads them to believe that foul play was involved. Anyone who has any information about what might have occurred to cause Mr. Ahmed's death 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 person(s) responsible for this felony crime. Anonymous tips can also be provided by typing "MCPD" plus the tip on a cell phone or PDA and texting it to 274637 (CRIMES).

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA_details.asp?NaID=5855

Police Investigate Shooting on December Way in White Oak

(NCR RFI)

Detectives from the 3rd District Investigative Section are investigating a shooting in the 11400 block of December Way in the White Oak area of Silver Spring. March 20th at approximately 6:03 a.m., 3rd District officers and Fire/Rescue personnel were called to December Way for the report of the sound of shots. Officers first on the scene found an unresponsive adult male in the driver's seat of a silver 2010 Dodge Caravan which was parked in front of that address. The male victim appeared to be suffering from at least one gunshot wound. He was transported by ground to a local trauma center with life-threatening injuries. The victim has been identified as a 31-year-old male. Detectives are asking for the public's assistance in this case. Anyone with information concerning the suspect(s) or circumstances in this case is asked to call the 3rd District Investigation Section at 301.565.5835. Those who wish to remain anonymous should call Crime Solvers of Montgomery County toll-free at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), or at 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 person responsible for this crime. Anonymous tips can also be provided by typing "MCPD" plus the tip on a cell phone or PDA and texting it to 274637 (CRIMES).

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA_details.asp?NaID=5856

Detectives Investigate Homicide in Olney of 41-Year-Old Man

(NCR RFI)

March 21st at approximately 4:19 p.m., 4th District officers responded to the report of possible gunshots heard in the 3400 block of N. High Street. Officers found an adult male unresponsive outside a residence and near the roadway in the above block address. He was suffering from an apparent gunshot wound and was transported to an area hospital for treatment. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. The victim has been identified as Punyasara W Palkumbure Gedara, 41 years old, from the 3400 block of Bantry Way in Olney. At the same time an older-model beige Toyota Camry was seen on N. High Street traveling toward Georgia Avenue. Anyone who heard or saw something suspicious in the area of this incident at the time it occurred is asked to call detectives from the Major Crimes Division 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 person(s) responsible for this felony crime. Anonymous tips can also be provided by typing "MCPD" plus the tip on a cell phone or PDA and texting it to 274637 (CRIMES).

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Police/News/NA_details.asp?NaID=5858

Pickpocket Pleads Guilty to Robbery, Theft

(Criminal TTP)

Alexander Barnwell, 55, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty today to charges of robbery and first degree theft in a pair of incidents that targeted bus and Metro passengers. The robbery charge carries up to 15 years in prison and the theft charge has a maximum penalty of 10 years of incarceration. Barnwell was arrested after an investigation by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and Metro Transit Police into a series of pickpocketing incidents that took place in recent years in and around Metro stations and bus stops, including crimes at or near the Farragut North Metro station, Union Station, and the bus loading area in the 1000 block of New York Avenue NW. As part of his plea agreement, Barnwell admitted to two incidents. In the most recent case, he admitted that on January 14, 2011, at approximately 12 p.m., **he and an accomplice pretended to accidentally bump into a young woman who was attempting to board a charter bus in the 1000 block of New York Avenue NW, throwing her off balance. While the woman was distracted, one of the men reached into her bag and stole her wallet. Within an hour, the victim's credit card was used to purchase men's apparel and other items at a department store in Arlington, Va. Barnwell also admitted that on August 18, 2009, at approximately 5 p.m., he and an accomplice pretended to accidentally bump into a 90-year-old man who was entering the Farragut North Metro station. The victim, who uses a cane, realized after the encounter that his wallet had been stolen from his back pocket. Within 30 minutes of the incident, Barnwell used the victim's credit card to purchase \$1,000 worth of gift cards from a department store.**

http://www.justice.gov/usao/dc/Press_Releases/2011%20Archives/March/11-101.pdf



Beware of 'fake' Potassium Iodide: FDA.

(Public Awareness)

In the wake of the nuclear reactor crisis in Japan, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advised consumers to beware of inadvertently buying fake iodide products that are supposed to help protect against radiation, according to information released March 18. "We're alerting consumers to be wary of products that falsely claim to prevent radiation and protect consumers, or are not FDA-approved," an FDA spokeswoman said. The demand for potassium iodide in the U.S. has spiked as the situation in Japan has worsened, she said. But health experts said there is no need for U.S. consumers to stock up on potassium iodide. Products to watch out for include fake tablets and liquids purporting to be iodide, as well as dietary supplements and other products that say they protect against radiation, the spokeswoman said. The agency added information about radiation safety on its Web site that includes more details about what to beware of before buying iodide products. There are only three FDA-approved potassium iodide products that protect against radiation. The agency's Web site identifies them as Iosat, made by Anbex; ThyroSafe from Recipharm AB; and ThyroShield from Fleming & Co. At all three companies, the products are currently out of stock, according to their Web sites. http://money.cnn.com/2011/03/18/news/economy/CDC_iodide_radiation_advisory/



Department of Defense, Major Private Contractor Potentially Vulnerable in Cyber Attack

RSA, a U.S. cyber security company charged with protecting computers for the U.S. government and thousands of private clients has itself been the target of a hacking attack, potentially compromising the security of software used by the Department of Defense and major defense contractor Lockheed Martin. While the U.S. government has been aware of the attack and working with the company on plugging the security breach for more than a week, according to sources familiar with the investigation, it was only March 17 that the company alerted the public. RSA, the security division of EMC, claims over 25,000 clients and 40 million users of its security token technology worldwide. In addition to the U.S. government, according to its Web site, RSA SecureID customers include major American corporations, healthcare institutions and charities, as well as banks and institutions that cater to high net worth individuals, such as Rolls Royce and Bentley Motors. The state of Kansas is also listed as a SecureID customer. Other RSA clients include the FBI, Northrop Grumman, and the German government. <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/dod-private-contractors-potentially-vulnerable-rsa-cyber-attack/story?id=13162204&page=1>



Global Incident Summary

- AFGHANISTAN - 2 NATO Soldiers Killed In Shooting Incident In Southern Afghanistan
- AFGHANISTAN - 7 Insurgents Killed In North Afghan Province
- ALGERIA - Algerian President Promises Reforms As Police Prevent Protests
- BAHRAIN - Foreign Plot Against Bahrain Foiled - King Says
- CALIFORNIA - Minuscule Amount Of Radiation Detected In California
- CANADA - Protesters Target Bahraini Embassy
- CANADA - Suspicious Substance Brought Into Hospital To Be Analyzed
- CHILE - Chile Explosion Ahead Of Obama Visit
- CYPRUS - Bomb Destroys Car In Limassol
- EGYPT - Brother Of Al-Qaedas Second-In-Command Arrested Again In Egypt
- GAZA - 5 Injured In Series Of Israeli Airstrikes In Gaza
- GAZA - Gaza Journalist - Hamas Threatened To Kill Me
- ILLINOIS - Thousands Protests In Chicago Against United State Involvement In Libya
- INDIA - 6 Held In Raids At Maoists Hideout
- INDIA - 6 Naxals Arrested In Chhattisgarh - Explosives Seized
- INDIA - Jammu And Kashmir Police Busts A Major Hizbul Mujahideen Terror Module
- INDIA - Maoist Rebels Held In West Bengal
- INDIA - Maoists Kill Trader On Charges Of Spying
- INDIA - Maoists Kill Two In Bihar
- INDIA - Militant - Cop Killed In South Kashmir Gunfight
- INDIA - Six Held In Raids At Maoists Hideout
- INDONESIA - Bali Police Blow Up Suspicious Package In Gianyar
- INDONESIA - Bomb Squad Arrive At Church In Medan
- INDONESIA - Former West Java Top Cops Daughter Received Bomb Mail
- INDONESIA - Mail Bomb Fear Spreads To Makassar
- IRAQ - 3 Civilians Wounded In 2nd Grenade Attack In Mosul
- IRAQ - 3 Soldiers Killed - 23 People Wounded In Baghdad
- IRAQ - 3 Terrorists Arrested In West Falluja City
- IRAQ - 4 Civilians Wounded In Central Mosul Grenade Blast
- IRAQ - Bomb Blast Kills 3 Wounds 22 In Baghdad
- IRAQ - Five Turkish Builders Kidnapped In Iraq
- IRAQ - Gunmen Kills Contractor - Wound Wife
- IRAQ - Gunmen Open Fire At Iraq Oil Ministry Employee
- IRAQ - Iraqi Anti-Qaida Group Leader - 6 Others Killed In Gunfire Attack
- IRAQ - Policeman Killed - 3 Suspected Al-Qaida Leaders Captured In Diyala

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

IRAQ - Suicide Bomb Attack In Diala Kills 6
IRAQ - Unknown Gunmen Kills Sahwa Fighter
IRAQ - Bomb Blast Wounds 2 Civilians
IRELAND - Army Makes Mulhuddart Device Safe
ISRAEL - 49 Mortars From Gaza Explode In Western Negev
ISRAEL - Firebomb Attack In Samaria
ISRAEL - Firebomb Attack On Jonathan House
ISRAEL - Grad Rocket Strike In Ashkelon
ISRAEL - Hamas Claims Mortar Attack On Israel
ISRAEL - Molotov Cocktail Hurlled On Israeli Car West Of Bethlehem
ISRAEL - Qassam Rocket Explodes In Southern Israel
ISRAEL - Soldier Stabbed - Wounded In Yafo
ISRAEL - Soldiers Fire on Gaza Terrorists Near Kibbutz
ITALY - Italy Steps Up Airport Security As Conflict In Libya Escalates
KENYA - Al-Shabaab - Had Planned To Bomb Popular Clubs On New Year's Day
KENYA - Boy Killed In Border Town Blast
LIBYA - Anti-Gaddafi Rebels Include Groups Linked To Islamic Extremism
LIBYA - Armed Men Detain Crew Of Italian Ship In Tripoli
LIBYA - Danish Fighter Jets En Route To Sicily For No-fly Zone Deployment
LIBYA - Fighter Plane Shot Down In Benghazi
LIBYA - French Planes Enter Libyas Airspace
LIBYA - Gaddafi Threatens France - UK - USA - United Nations
LIBYA - Gaddafi Threatens To Attack Military And Civilian Targets In Mediterranean
LIBYA - Lebanese Leader Condemns Attack On Embassy In Tripoli
LIBYA - Libya Says it Downed French Plane
LIBYA - NATO Preparing Military Action Plan Against Gaddafi
LIBYA - Rebels Prepare For Final Battle With Gaddafi
LIBYA - Shelling - Air Strikes On Libyan Rebels In Benghazi
MEXICO - 10 Dead In Attack On Bar In Mexican Resort Of Acapulco
MEXICO - Body Of Mexican Governors Top Aide Found In Clandestine Grave
NEPAL - Security Personnel Diffuse Bomb In Parsa
NEPAL - Youth Detained For Planting Bomb
NEW YORK - Airport Security Level Raised After Two Flights Report Mechanical Problems
NIGERIA - 2 Feared Dead As Explosive Detonates In Jos
NIGERIA - 4 Killed As Attempts To Bomb Churches Fail
NIGERIA - Al-Qaeda Fingered In Niger Bomb Blast
PAKISTAN - 15 Districts Of Balochistan Without Electricity As 2 Power Pylons Blown Up
PAKISTAN - Another Grenade Thrown At MQM Office
PAKISTAN - Bomb Explosion Wounds 5 In Karachi
PAKISTAN - Bridge Blown Up In Bara
PAKISTAN - Bridge Blown Up In Bara
PAKISTAN - Jamaat-i-Islami Threatens To Besiege United States Embassy
PAKISTAN - PAF On High Alert
PAKISTAN - Pakistani Tribesmen Vow To Take Revenge Of Drone Attack
PAKISTAN - Unidentified Militants Blow Up Another Bridge In Bara
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY - Armed Men Attack Reuters Gaza Bureau
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY - Bomb Explodes Near Gaza Beauty Salon
PALESTINIAN TERRITORY - Molotov Cocktail Thrown At Vehicle Near Qalqilya
PHILIPPINES - Gunmen Abduct 3 Fishermen In Southern Philippines
PHILIPPINES - Rebels Raid Police Station - 2 Killed
RUSSIA - Missing Ingush Girl Is Suspected Suicide Bomber
SENEGAL - Senegal Arrests 15 Before Anti-Government Protest
SENEGAL - Senegal Says Thwarts Coup Bid Before Protest Rally

UNCLASSIFIED - OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION

SYRIA - 7 Policemen Killed In Clash With Protestors In Syria
SYRIA - Hezbollah Warns of More Western Intervention
SYRIA - Syrian Protesters Set Fire To Key Buildings In Daraa
THAILAND - Insurgents Killed In Shoot-Out In South
UNITED KINGDOM - Bangladeshi Bomber Jailed For 30 Years In Britain
UNITED KINGDOM - Grenade Find Sparks Alert Near Whitechurch
UNITED KINGDOM - Protest Outside Bahrain Embassy In London
UNITED KINGDOM - West Belfast Alert hoax
YEMEN - 7 Killed - 13 Injured In Clashes In North Yemen
YEMEN - President Declares Emergency State Following Deadly Clashes
YEMEN - Yemeni Human Rights Minister Resigns After 51 Protesters Killed
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

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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