



Up to \$50,000 Reward



VICTIM'S NAME

Damon Ward

LOCATION

1208 U Street, NW

DATE/TIME

February 26, 2006

2:54 AM

CONTACT

Detective Kim Lawrence

202 497-3812

202 645-9600

Detective Dean Combee

202 645-5450

DESCRIPTION

On Sunday, February 26, 2006, at about 2:54 am, police were summoned to the front of 1208 U Street, NW to investigate the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, they located a male, identified as 33-year-old **Damon Ward**, suffering from gunshot wounds. Ward was transported to the Howard University Hospital and pronounced dead at 7:11 am.

Mr. Ward was attending a private function in this area and was not involved at all in this dispute or with its participants. Mr. Ward was an innocent bystander who was struck by an errant bullet. The suspects (three to four) were operating a dark colored four-door pick up truck, and are believed to be of Ethiopian, Eritrean, or Somali descent. They were heard speaking Amharic, but one of them spoke fluently in English.

The case is under investigation by members of the Department's Violent Crimes Branch. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call **Detective Kim Lawrence** at **(202) 497-3812** or **(202) 645-9600**, **Detective Dean Combee** at **(202) 645-5450** or the Metropolitan Police Department's Synchronized Operations Command Center (SOCC) at **202 727-9099**.

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