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A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia

# MPD USES YOUTUBE TO HIGHLIGHT COLD CASES IN AN EFFORT TO GENERATE NEW LEADS

Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier announced today an effort to highlight cold cases through YouTube videos in hopes of generating information from the public. The videos, produced by members of the Department's Cold Case Squad, feature family members discussing their loved ones and making appeals to the public for assistance.

"The community plays an important role in our efforts to reduce crime and close cases," said Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier. "When members of the community come to us with vital information, they know we will act upon that information. We have received numerous tips from the community in other cases and we hope to continue to build upon that momentum."

The cases include:

Marcus Johnson

On May 2006 35-year-old Marcus Johnson was fatally shot in the 1400 block of First Street, NW.

Melvin Seals

On April 2008 30-year-old Melvin Seals was fatally shot in the 1200 block of Morse Street, NE.

• Unique Harris

Twenty-four-year-old Unique Harris was last seen at her home in the 2400 block of Hartford Street, SE in October 2010.







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- >> View the cold case profiles and view other videos postd by the MPD at: http://www.youtube.com/user/OfficialDCPolice
- » Read the complete press release at: http://mpdc.dc.gov
- The Metropolitan Police Department currently offers a reward of up to \$25,000 to anyone that provides information which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons wanted for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia. For more information on this and other rewards issued by the MPD, go to: http://mpdc.dc.gov/rewards
- » Interested in submitting a tip anonymously? Submit a message to the department's TEXT TIP LINE by text messaging 50411.

## TELL US HOW WE'RE DOING: MPD SEEKS FEEDBACK THROUGH GRADE.DC.GOV

We're excited that MPD is now a part of Grade DC. We invite you to share your thoughts on our service — positive or negative — through MPD's email groups, our social media, or by visiting the District's grade.dc.gov website. If you have an experience you'd like us to know about, we encourage you to tell us so we can acknowledge the good work of one of our members or address issues that may need our attention.

Give Us Your Thoughts

- You can grade our service in several ways:
- Tweet your feedback to @dcpolicedept
- Leave a comment on Facebook at DCPolice
- Text your comments to (202) 499-4581
- Share your comments on your district community email discussion group (for a list of all of them, visit mpdc.dc.gov/emailgroups)
- Visit grade.dc.gov and fill out the survey for MPD

By contributing your feedback, you will be helping to improve the District's services to our residents and visitors. A total of 10 agencies are currently participating in the program, with more planned in the near future. Your input helps form the basis of the agency's "grade," which visitors to grade.dc.gov will be able to review on a monthly basis.

### NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE DC EMPLOYEE FOR A CAFRITZ AWARD, NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 9

Mark your calendar now to nominate an exemplary DC government employee for The 2013 Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Awards! The nomination period is now open through Friday, November 9, 2012. During this period, you may submit the Nominations Form via fax to (202) 994-5389, email to director@cafritzawards.org, or online at http:// cafritzawards.org. Help us celebrate the individuals that exemplify the best in public service! As you consider individuals who merit recognition, keep in mind the following five criteria:

- Solved an extraordinary problem or goal
- Brought positive recognition to the city
- Consistently achieved excellence in overall performance
- Implemented an innovative idea
- Demonstrated inspirational leadership

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#### NEWS & NOTES Also Noteworthy

Street Closures for Howard University Homecoming Parade, multiple races. The MPD wishes to inform the public about several planned events that will affect traffic around the city this weekend

and during the week, including the Howard University Homecoming Parade on 10/20; the Army 10-Miler on 10/21; the Best Buddies event on 10/20; and the Janney Elementary 5K on 10/20

Join the MPD Reserve Corps. The MPD Reserve Corps, a volunteer policing program is seeking new members. Applications are now being accepted at http://dcpolicejobs. dc.gov.

**Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline.** The Report crimes 24-hours a day, 7 days a week by calling **1-800-843-5678** or reporting crimes online at **http://www.cybertipline.com**.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to KAYLIN CASTELLI, Manager of Internet Communications, at kaylin.castelli@dc.gov

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