METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, DC

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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The Department currently offers a reward of up to $25,000 to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia. Your assistance is appreciated by your community.

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ዝርዝር መግለጫ

እሁድ ፌብሩዋሪ 26/2006 ከጠዋቱ ወደ 2:54 ገደማ በ1208 ዩ ስትሪት፣ ኤንደብሊው ፊት ለፊት የተደረገውን ተኩስ እንዲመረምር ለፖሊስ ጥሪ ደሰረው:: ፖሊሶች በሥፍራው እንደደረሱ፣ በጥይት ተመትቶ በመሰቃየት ላይ ያለውን **ዳሞን ዋርድ** ተብሎ የሚጠራውን የ33 ዓመት ሰው አገኙት:: ዋርድ ወደ ሃዋርድ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ሆስፒታል ተወስዶ፣ ከጠዋቱ 7:11 ላይ መሞቱ ተረጋገጠ::

ሚ/ር ዋርድ በዚህ አካባቢ በግል ጥሪ ውስጥ ይሳተፍ የነበረ ሲሆን ራሱ ፈጽሞ በዚህ ጠብ ውስጥ ተሳታፊ አልነበረም ወይም ከተጣይዎቹ ጋር አንዳችም ግንኙነት አልነበረውም:: ሚ/ር ዋርድ በመንገድ ላይ ቆሞ ሳለ በተባራሪ ጥይት የተመታ የነበረ ንጹህ ሰው ነበረ:: ተጠርጣሪዎቹ (ሦስት ወይም አራት) ጥቁር አራት በር ያለው ዕቃ መጫኛ መኪና የሚነዱ ሲሆኑ፣ ኢትዮጵያውን፡ ኤርትራውያን ወይም ሶማሌያውያን ናቸው ተብሎ ይታመናል:: በአማርኛ ሲነጋገሩ የተሰሙ ሲሆን፣ ከመካከላቸው አንዱ እንግሊዘኛ በጥሩ ሁኔታ ሲናገርም ተደምጧል::

ጉዳዩ በክፍሉ የኃይል አዘል ወንጀል ምርመራ ቅርንጫፍ አባላት በመመርመር ላይ ነው:: በዚህ ጉዳይ ላይ መረጃ ያለው ማንኛ ውም ሰው **ለመርማሪ ኪም ላውረንስ** በስልክ ቁጥር (202) 497-3812 ወይም (202) 645-9600፣ **ለመርማሪ ዲን ኮምቤ** በስልክ ቁጥር (202) 645-5450 ወይም በሜትሮፖሊታን ፖሊስ ክፍል ሥር ላለው ለሲንክሮናይዝድ ኦፐሬሽንስ እዝ ማዕከል (ኤስኦሲሲ) በስልክ ቁጥር 202 727-9099 ደውሎ እንዲያሳውቅ ይጠየቃል::

ኤስኦሲሲ 202 727-9099 አጣዳፊ 911 አጣዳፊ ላልሆነ 311

በዲስትሪክት ኦፍ ኮሎምቢያ ውስጥ ለተፈጸመ ግድያ ኃላፊነት ያለበት/ባቸው ሰው/ዎች እንዲታሰሩ ወይም ተከስሰው እንዲፈረድባቸው የሚስችል መረጃ ለሚሰጥ ለማንኛውም ሰው ክፍሉ ባሁኑ ወቅት እስከ $25,000 ድረስ ሽልማት ይሰጣል:: የእርስዎ እርዳታ በማህበረሰብዎ ይደነቃል::