

# LeDroit Park Crime Prevention News

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## Crime on Your Corner... *And how to prevent it*

### PSA 306 Crime for the week of Feb. 3-9th, 2013

PSA: 306  
CCN: 13015094  
RPT DATE: 02/03/2013  
OFFENSE: **Theft F/Auto**  
BLOCK: **500 B/O FLORIDA  
AVE NW**  
LOCATION: Other  
START DT: 02/03/2013  
START TM: 10:00:00  
END DT: 02/03/2013  
END TM: 10:00:00

PSA: 306  
CCN: 13016595  
RPT DATE: 02/06/2013  
OFFENSE: **Theft F/Auto**  
BLOCK: **6TH ST NW &  
GIRARD ST NW**  
LOCATION: Parking Lot/Parking  
Garage  
START DT: 02/06/2013  
START TM: 17:44:00  
END DT: 02/06/2013  
END TM: 17:44:00

PSA: 306  
CCN: 13016273  
RPT DATE: 02/06/2013  
OFFENSE: **Robbery**  
BLOCK: **200 B/O ELM ST NW**  
LOCATION: Sidewalk  
START DT: 02/06/2013  
START TM: 00:20:00  
END DT: 02/06/2013  
END TM: 00:20:00

PSA: 306  
CCN: 13017541  
RPT DATE: 02/08/2013  
OFFENSE: **Theft F/Auto**  
BLOCK: **600 B/O GIRARD ST  
NW**  
LOCATION: Other  
START DT: 02/08/2013  
START TM: 18:00:00  
END DT: 02/08/2013  
END TM: 18:05:00

### Record Serial Numbers

Advice from MPD 3D Commander Jacob Kishter

MPD has made progress in the last year or two locating stolen property, particularly stolen personal electronics like **cell phones**. There are several businesses that purchase used cell phones, both inside and outside of DC. Often the best opportunity we have to **locate stolen property** from these type of businesses is within the **first 24-48 hours**, for that reason it is **imperative that we obtain the serial number** to these stolen devices as quickly as possible. It has been our experience that when taking reports, many **victims do not have a record of their device serial number**. For that reason I want to urge everyone to **make a record of your device serial number and keep it in a place where you can obtain the number to supply MPD if you are a victim of a crime**.

\*Please see attached "Personal Property Identification Record"

### Neighborhood Watch at Work

3D Lt. Alberto Jova, PSA 306

At approximately 3:35 p.m. today [2/11/13], an alert resident observed a male subject enter a residence through a window in the **900 blk of T Street, N.W.** Knowing that the male subject did not live at that residence, the Metropolitan Police Department was called. Upon officers' arrival, the male subject was observed running in the vicinity of the residence in an attempt to elude capture. Officers were able to apprehend the subject without incident and he was positively identified by an occupant of the residence. This subject's apprehension is a clear example of the **community working with police** to make the District safer. Anyone having additional knowledge about this matter is urged to contact the Metropolitan Police Department on [202/727-9099](tel:2027279099). Thank you.

### Upcoming Events

**Jeremy Leffler, Commissioner 1B02, ABC Committee Chair:  
ANC 1B ABC Committee meeting**

Wednesday February 20th at 7 pm at the  
Thurgood Marshall Center  
1816 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

Agenda: First informational meeting on the liquor moratorium.

### MPD Annual Awards Ceremony

Thursday, February 28, 2013  
Gallaudet University's Elstad Auditorium  
800 Florida Ave, NE  
6:00 pm- 9:00 pm

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DC Police Alerts:  
[https://textalert.ema.dc.gov  
/index.php?CCheck=1](https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/index.php?CCheck=1)

MPD Twitter:  
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MPD YouTube:  
[http://www.youtube.com/Offi  
cialDCPolice](http://www.youtube.com/OfficialDCPolice)

MPD  
MPD Crime Tips:  
50411

Metro Transit Police:  
202-962-2121

Emergency:  
911

## Press Releases & Updates: *...making a difference in LeDroit*

### **Brian Card, U Street Neighborhood Association:**

Lt. Avery (3D Vice) discussed the recent arrest of a **drug ring centered around 8th & R St NW**. The Metropolitan Police Department's Third District Vice Unit along with detectives from the Narcotics and Special Investigations Division and agents of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives announced the arrest of nine individuals following a months-long investigation into violence and drug dealing in the Shaw community. Charges include firearms violations, drug distribution and robbery. During the course of this investigation crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and other evidence associated with these crimes were seized. Police served search warrants in various sections of the District of Columbia including the Shaw area near 8th and R Streets NW, where the group was based. Investigations are ongoing as MPD continues to address citizens' complaints of loitering and drug dealing. "This is significant for this community as many of the suspects who were charged did not reside in that neighborhood, but loitered there and committed violent crimes," said Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier. "This operation is part of the Metropolitan Police Department's continued commitment to reduce crime in our neighborhoods."

Lt Avery said that they had an **8 month investigation and that they had made 50-60 buys**. The gentleman **shot in front of Cleveland Elementary school in September is one of the individuals for which they have a warrant for on these charges (he hasn't been arrested yet)**. **There were 12 individuals charges, 9 have been arrested, 4 have warrants (Malcolm Smith, Bernard Fleming, McMillan, and Robert Fisher) They were indicted for "neighborhood conspiracy" which Lt Avery explained as a combination of murder, robbery, shooting, and narcotic sales**. Lt. Avery said the arrest was made last Wednesday (1/30/2013). He said that these individuals were tied to the shooting in September in front of Cleveland Elementary.

Notes are posted on the U Street Neighborhood Association's website at

<http://ustreet-dc.org/index.php/living-here/neighborhood-news/public-safety>

Check out our webpage [www.ustreet-dc.org](http://www.ustreet-dc.org), and twitter (@ustreetdc) and facebook, and Yahoo groups (ustreetnews & publicsafety305

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### **Metro transit police:**

Crime on Metro remained low in 2012 as a result of crime-prevention strategies, data-driven deployment of officers, and innovative policing tactics. That is the message Metro Transit Police (MPTD) Chief Michael Taborn will deliver Thursday during his security report to the Metro Board Safety and Security Committee.

Highlights of Chief Taborn's presentation include:

- A Metrobus customer's chance of being a victim of a crime was one in a million trips in 2012.
- Parking crime reached a ten-year low in 2012, with motor vehicle thefts down 17 percent and thefts from autos down 16 percent. Metrorail's crime rate – 6.2 crimes per million riders – is lower than crime rates in most jurisdictions Metro serves.

"We always start with the belief that one crime is one too many, but smart, effective police work and cooperation from jurisdiction law enforcement is producing good results," said Metro General Manager and CEO Richard Sarles. "I want to commend the entire Metro Transit Police Department—each civilian, officer, sergeant, lieutenant and the command staff—for their commitment, dedication and vigilance in 2012."

Like many other transit agencies, Metro has seen an increase in so-called "snatch thefts" of smartphones, tablets and other high-value electronic devices. In response, Metro began using "crime suppression teams," where undercover officers using decoy electronic devices place themselves in the path of crime, become "victims" and make immediate arrests. In 2012, a total of 149 Part I arrests were made as a result of crime suppression team activity.

Systemwide, Part I crimes against persons decreased 3.3 percent last year as compared to 2011 when MTPD crime-suppression team arrests are removed from the data. When the 149 suppression team arrests are included in the data, an increase of 4.5 percent is shown between 2011 and 2012.

MTPD uses a broad range of tactics to keep customers safe and crime rates low:

- Bi-weekly "MetroStat" meetings where crime trends are analyzed and resources are deployed based on data
- Use of crime-suppression teams to make immediate arrests of pickpockets and thieves
- New parking garage patrol tactics, including use of electric vehicles, crime prevention strategies and partnerships with jurisdictional law-enforcement agencies
- Enhanced Metrobus patrols, including high-intensity targeted enforcement
- Customer outreach and education about safety and security
- Support of a new FCC requirement to enable customers to permanently disable ("brick") a stolen phone, thereby reducing resale value

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