

ANC 1A Public Safety Committee Report for January 12, 2011

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Upcoming Event: Northwest Columbia Heights Community Association Criminal Justice Public Forum

Brief Presentations followed by Small-Group Discussions

Guests Speakers/Small-Group Discussion Leaders:

Deputy Director Clifford T. Keenan - Pretrial Services Agency

Assistant Chief Diane Groomes - Metropolitan Police Department

Third District Commander Jacob Kishter - Metropolitan Police Department

Community Prosecutor Roger Kemp – US Attorney's Office

Kathy Henderson - Ward 5 Activist and Court Watch Leader

Veronica Davis - Ward 7 Activist and Blogger

Cecilia Jones- Ward 1 Activist and CCJAI Coordinator

When: Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Where: St Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church, 1525 Newton St NW, Upstairs Auditorium, 16th-Street Side

The event is free and open to the public. All are welcome—please come and bring your neighbors!

Criminal Justice Accountability Initiative:

Many are not aware of the problem of chronic repeat criminal offenders in our community. The same defendants commit crime after crime, are arrested, sentenced and then released, only to commit more crimes. Our criminal justice system has become a "revolving door" for many chronic criminals. It's up to us to help "close the revolving door."

There are ways that ordinary people with busy lives and full-time jobs can become more involved. The Community Criminal Justice Accountability Initiative (CCJAI) is a program that began in Columbia Heights in April of 2009 to address public safety concerns and chronic repeat offenses. CCJAI, a partnership of law enforcement, criminal justice agencies and community members, has submitted 70 Community Impact Statements to judges at sentencing, and has tracked over 500 criminal cases. Our stakeholders include MPD, USAO, OAG, PSA, CSOSA, the DC Council, DC Superior Courts, the ANCs, and community members. Together we are working to make our criminal justice system better, while reducing the burden of chronic repeat offenses. You can help by writing community impact statements in criminal cases in your neighborhood. Protecting the next victim is everyone's responsibility!

CCJAI Cases Pending Sentencing: Please Write Community Impact Statements Now!

Write to nwchca@gmail.com for more information about submitting Community Impact Statements.

| Sentencing Date | Location of Offense | Defendant's Name | Papered Lead Charge | Age | No of Cases |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----|-------------|
| 01/21/2011 | 3500 BLK 14TH ST NW | WILLIAMS, LAVONE | DIST OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE | 33 | 5 |
| 01/21/2011 | 3100 WARDER ST NW | BOWRIN, ADRIAN C | DIST OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE | 32 | 7 |
| 01/26/2011 | 1000 LAMONT ST NW | YOUNG, DALYON | CARRY PISTOL W/O LIC-OUTSIDE HOME/BUSINESS | 19 | 7 |
| 01/28/2011 | 3400 14TH ST NW | MELESE, SURAFEL | ROBBERY ATTEMPT | 33 | 7 |
| 02/07/2011 | 1460 IRVING ST NW | AMAYA, ERICK E | UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE | 21 | 2 |
| 02/11/2011 | 14TH & PERRY PL NW | DIAZ-HERNANDEZ, AUNER A | BURGLARY TWO | 22 | 2 |
| 02/11/2011 | 3618 14TH ST NW APT 1 | DIAZ-HERNANDEZ, AUNER A | BURGLARY ONE WHILE ARMED | 22 | 2 |
| 02/11/2011 | 1400 BLK PERRY PL NW | RICO, JOSEPH A | DIST OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE | N/A | 5 |
| 02/11/2011 | 1345 QUINCY ST NW | RICO, JOSEPH A | THEFT, RSP, POSSESSION | N/A | 5 |
| 02/16/2011 | 3300 13TH ST NW | BOYKIN, ALONZO T | UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE | 28 | 5 |
| 03/02/2011 | 648 NEWTON PL NW | FORD, MESHAWN | DIST OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE | 22 | 2 |
| 03/07/2011 | GEORGIA AVE & KENYON ST NW | IRVING, HIKEEM | ASSAULT W/I TO ROB | 19 | 1 |
| 03/08/2011 | 3300 BLK GEORGIA AVE NW | HUDGINS, MARTINA B | DIST OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE | 44 | 25 |
| 03/11/2011 | 630 PARK RD NW | HALL, ALTON A | DIST OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE | 25 | 5 |

For more information about specific cases: <https://www.dccourts.gov/pa/>

Crime Statistics Show Downward Trend, but How Reliable is the Data?

| Crimes Reported in ANC1A January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Crime Reported | Month | | | | | | | | | | | | 2010 Total | 2009 Total |
| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | | |
| ADW | 6 | 9 | 12 | 17 | 9 | 19 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 121 | 135 |
| BURGLARY | 8 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 106 | 108 |
| HOMICIDE | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| ROBBERY | 19 | 10 | 31 | 25 | 19 | 35 | 25 | 14 | 25 | 13 | 21 | 13 | 250 | 295 |
| ASSAULT W/INTENT | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 25 | 23 |
| ATTEMPT | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | | | | 9 | 17 |
| CAR JACKING | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| F&V | 6 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 17 | 14 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 99 | 107 |
| FEAR | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | | 2 | | 13 | 7 |
| GUN | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | | 39 | 65 |
| KNIFE | 1 | | 1 | 4 | | 5 | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | 17 | 29 |
| OTHER ARMED | | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | | | 1 | | 9 | 15 |
| P/P, PBS, SNATCH | 6 | | 6 | 4 | | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 34 | 27 |
| SEX ABUSE | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 15 |
| STOLEN AUTO | 8 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 15 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 98 | 150 |
| THEFT | 31 | 24 | 32 | 31 | 53 | 45 | 55 | 42 | 37 | 38 | 28 | 64 | 480 | 456 |
| THEFT F/AUTO | 39 | 35 | 81 | 68 | 62 | 45 | 38 | 46 | 40 | 31 | 38 | 52 | 575 | 502 |
| Total | 113 | 94 | 173 | 159 | 161 | 158 | 151 | 126 | 128 | 111 | 118 | 158 | 1650 | 1671 |

Data Source: MPD's "Crimemap" – <http://crimemap.dc.gov/presentation/intro.asp>

| Key to Crime Abbreviations: | |
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| ADW = Assault with a Dangerous Weapon | Robbery: |
| Sex Abuse Includes Rape and Other Sexual Assaults | F&V = Force and Violence (A Beating, No Weapon) |
| Theft F/Auto = Theft from Auto (Car Break-ins) | P/P = Pickpocket |
| | PBS = Pocketbook Snatch (Purse Snatching) |

What Can You Do Right Now to Prevent Crime?

- Above all, don't make yourself an easy target for crimes. Take precautions and act responsibly.
 - Lock your home and safeguard your belongings. Take extra precautions against burglary when you go out of town.
 - When you leave your car, lock it and take your keys. Never leave valuables in your car in plain view.
 - Avoid walking alone, especially late at night
- Report every crime to the police. Don't take "no" for an answer. Go to the police station if you have to. If you are the victim of a crime or a witness, cooperate fully with the police and prosecutors.
- Become a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain. Get to know all your neighbors. Do community service. Get to know your public officials and community stakeholders.
- Become familiar with repeat offenders in your neighborhood and their conditions of release. Report violations to the police. Write community impact statements to let judges know how crime in your neighborhood affects you and your family. Visit the courts to observe trial proceedings. Do your Jury Duty service.
- Become more involved in public safety issues in your community. Go to PSA meetings and get acquainted with people in the MPD in your area. Track crime rates in your area to help stop new trends. Join MPD's Email Discussion Groups for Crime Prevention Tips: <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc>

Neighborhood Watch: A Block Captain on Every Block of Columbia Heights is Our Goal!

Crime wouldn't stand a chance if every block in Columbia Heights were a "network" of active, involved neighbors. Would you like to become a Block Captain? Please send an e-mail to nwchca@gmail.com for information about the next Neighborhood Watch Block Captains training session.