



THE BLUE LINE

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Hopkins Murder Arrest



Courtesy of the Baltimore Sun

On March 23, members of the Warrant Apprehension Task Force arrested 27-year-old Donta Maurice Allen in connection with the murder of Johns Hopkins University senior Linda Trinh, who was killed on January 23. Allen was arrested without incident

at his house in the 3000 block of Mathews Street. The department would like to recognize the following members for their outstanding work on the case, though it must be pointed out that they were not the only people who contributed to the case's successful resolution. Congratulations to all!

Homicide:

Det. Lt. Scott Baker
Det. Christ Bieling
Det. Joe Phelps

Trace Lab:

Mark Proflil
Jennifer Ingbreton
Rana Santos

WATF:

Sgt. Jae Kim
Det. Vincent Stevenson
Det. Craig Williams
Det. Julie Pitocchelli
Det. Anthony Lansey
Det. Kevin Buie
Det. Keith Devoe

Command Promotional Ceremony

Two days after he was sworn in, Police Commissioner Leonard Hamm presided over his first Command Promotional Ceremony. Mayor Martin O'Malley was also in attendance, as were several City Council members and



dozens of friends and family members. Of the 27 command staff members who were promoted, Commissioner Hamm said, "In a short space of time, these men and women have proven able to set a new standard of cooperation based on a unity of effort too long absent in the affairs of the

department. Their promotions are a product of their ability to inspire, give direction, and pull people together." Congratulations and best of luck to all.



The New District Commanders

COMSTAT DATA YEAR -TO-DATE Eastern District



Total Crime	-24%
Total Part I Crime	-27%
Violent Crime	-32%
Property Crime	-25%
Homicide	-8%
Shootings	-19%
Agg. Assaults	-32%
Robberies	-33%



The Long Arm of the Law



It was March 15, just before noon, when RATT Detectives David Azur and Gregory Kovolenko observed a 1994 Honda with a stolen Maryland tag at the intersection of Fulton & Edmondson Avenue. The detectives stopped the vehicle in the 500 block of Mulberry Street and arrested the driver. A check on the car revealed that the driver was the suspect in a recent homicide in North Carolina. Detectives from the Moore County Sheriff's Office arrived in Baltimore soon thereafter to continue their investigation, and to personally thank the RATT detectives for their outstanding work in the case.

Communications Welcomes the 21st Century

The Communications Section is stepping into the 21st century. For the first time, 911 call takers are working with flat screens and mapping systems. So far, dispatchers have converted 2 of the 4 computers to flat screens. By the end of March, all of the computer screens in communications are expected to have been converted. The new screens are not only very user friendly, they also give dispatchers more room to work.



Job Well Done



Police Officer James Steiner is the latest recipient of the Eastern District's Commander's Cup Award. During a recent 28-day period, Officer Steiner made 36 arrests for a variety of crimes. Officer Steiner is the District's secondary OIC and secondary wagon man but, even with all those added duties, Officer Steiner still managed to maintain an extremely high level of productivity. Congratulations!

National Recognition



BPD and Access Art, a Baltimore youth art center, were recently awarded one of four national "Graffiti Hurts" awards by Keep America Beautiful, Inc. BPD and Access Art teamed up on the Mural Project, which provides a creative outlet for Baltimore youngsters who might otherwise be writing graffiti. The award-winning mural, which is at Saratoga and Liberty, is 25 by 75 feet, and shows Baltimore residents getting involved in and improving their neighborhoods. If you haven't seen it yet, you should. Congratulations to all the award winners.

Fleet News

In case you've been wondering what's up with that intimidating-looking truck parked in the Annex parking lot, it's one of BPD's newest, and largest, crime-fighting tools. The "Bear Cat," which we received on New Year's Eve and which is now being used by QRT, has already been called out for several barricade situations and the execution of search warrants. The truck is also equipped to help in situations such as down officers, the evacuation of civilians, the movement of personnel, and sniper incidents.



Start Stretching

The fifth annual Victim's Fund Run and Walk will be held on April 16 in Patterson Park. The run is 5K, the walk one mile. All money raised will go towards making sure that emergency funds remain available for crime victims. For more information or to register, **call 410-396-1897, or e-mail mail@attorney.org.**