

SUBJECT: APD

Fox 5

Police: Elderly man shot while leaving party

By: [Nathalie Pozo](#)

ATLANTA - Atlanta Police continue to look for the person they said shot a 70-year-old man seven times.

Investigators said Sylvester Stinson was leaving a party Saturday night on Ramsey Close when he was approached by an unidentified black man who demanded everything Stinson had, including his Cadillac.

“A struggle ensued which resulted in the victim being shot multiple times,” said Sgt. Warren Pickard with the Atlanta Police Department. “We believe he was shot seven times, one was clearly after the incident had occurred, bad guy returned to the scene to some degree and shot him an additional time.”

FOX 5's Nathalie Pozo spoke to Stinson's son-in-law over the phone who said he is in stable condition and doing as well as he can be.

Friends said Stinson is a deacon, grandfather and all around nice man.

“He has a grandson and a granddaughter, he enjoys playing with them,” said Betty Roberts. “We see them over there playing in the yard.”

Family said Stinson turns 71 next month. Residents in the neighborhood where police said the shooting took place are shocked.

“For him to do something like this to a 71-year-old man, there is something missing in his soul,” said retired U.S. Army veteran Michael Boiser, who lives just a few houses away from where the shooting took place.

Atlanta Police describe the man as 5'8 to 5'10 in height, brown skin and seen wearing blue jeans and a black shirt and may have gotten away in a black charger.

<http://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/196611961-story>

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WRCBTv

GA state crime lab to get hundreds more untested rape kits

By: [Staff Writer](#)

ATLANTA (AP) - The Georgia Bureau of Investigation's state crime lab expects to receive an additional 864 rape kits within a week that have been stored - for years in some cases - in police evidence rooms and never analyzed for DNA matches.

GBI records show that 61 percent of them will come from the Atlanta Police Department.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports (<http://bit.ly/2bsHSxv>) that a new Georgia law gave law enforcement agencies until Aug. 15 to inform the GBI's crime lab how many kits containing DNA evidence were in storage and had never been analyzed.

The deadline to deliver those kits to the crime lab is Wednesday.

The Atlanta newspaper reports that the hundreds of additional kits will add to an enormous pile already at the GBI's lab.

<http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/32861383/ga-state-crime-lab-to-get-hundreds-more-untested-rape-kits>

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Fox 5

WATCH LIVE: Business leaders come together to show support for Atlanta Police

By: Staff Writer

ATLANTA - Business leaders and city officials are coming together to show support for the men and women who protect the city of Atlanta daily.

The 2016 "Crime is Toast" event is being held at the Georgia World Congress Center Tuesday morning. The Atlanta Police Foundation's signature event will be highlighted by Mayor Kasim Reed's State of Public Safety address and Atlanta Police Chief George Turner's State of the Force address.

The event is also an opportunity to honor members of the Atlanta Police Department with outstanding service awards, including "Officer of the Year."

This year's honorary chair is UPS CEO and Chairman David Abney.

Crime is Toast kicked off with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. The event is scheduled to last for about two hours.

<http://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/197266634-story>

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Atlanta Loop

Atlanta partners with GE to develop 'Best-in-Class' police procedures

By: Dan Whisenhut

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed's office says the city is partnering with GE to develop state-of-the-art policing in the city.

GE plans to invest \$1 million into the project, a press release from the city says.

The money will be used to create, "enhanced public safety strategies, specifically focused on leadership development and culture training."

The best-in-class policing model will consist of "data analysis and enhanced training" the press release says.

"Today's announcement marks a significant step forward in strengthening our community policing efforts," Reed said in the press release. "Our officers need enhanced training and capabilities to build community trust and improve as a police force. GE is one of the world's leading companies, and when I asked for support, they responded without hesitation. I cannot thank our partners at GE enough for joining us in this essential partnership."

The press release notes that APD has begun implementing a "Blueprint for Public Safety" that is based on recommendations of the White House's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

"In support of this plan's implementation, APD and GE will jointly develop platforms that are transferable and sustainable," the press release says. "Areas of focus include enhanced training methods, including the use of digital tools, improving data collection and analytics and leadership development and culture change practices."

<http://www.atlantaloop.com/atlanta-partners-ge-develop-best-class-police-procedures/>

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FOX 5

Cops searching for suspect connected to 3 'brazen' Atlanta crimes

By: Adrienne Haney

ATLANTA – The Atlanta Police Department are trying to track down a home invasion suspect they say could be involved in at least three separate crimes in the last few weeks.

Officials gave details in a press conference at Atlanta Police Headquarters on Monday afternoon. According to Capt. Sharonne Steed with APD, the suspect is connected with at least two home invasions and a possible robbery in the northeastern part of Atlanta.

On Friday, Aug. 19, Police say the suspect broke into a family's home on Defoor Avenue in the middle of the afternoon. The family was not home, but a hidden security camera caught him kicking down the front door to the residence and stealing electronics, jewelry and other personal items.

On the same day, police responded to another home invasion on Howell Mill where a woman was confronted by a man who matched the description of the suspect from the first incident. According to police reports, the victim told police she was laying in her bed when she heard someone moving through the apartment. All of a sudden, her bedroom door opened and the suspect aimed the laser on his rifle at her head. He told her to lay back down and put her face into the pillows, then asked for her jewelry.

According to police reports, the suspect made off with a number of jewelry items valued between \$30,000 to \$40,000.

A week before, a similar suspect held a woman at gunpoint in Whittier Mills Park – only a few miles from the area of the home invasions – in broad daylight. According to police, the victim is a photographer and was scouting the area for a possible photo shoot.

As she was taking photos, she saw a white Dodge Charger pull up and a man get out of the car. He began taking photos with a camera, and the victim continued taking her test photos. When she turned around, she saw the man holding a gun.

The victim told police the man made her face a wall and get on the ground and told her “if you scream, I will kill you.” The suspect stole her keys and rifled through her car and stole personal items, including an iPad.

In all of the incidents, the suspect was reported to be a black male about 6 feet in height and clean shaven. Each time, he was armed with an assault-style rifle, possibly an AK-47. Police believe he is working alone.

Atlanta Police are working with all of the victims and other police jurisdictions to find the suspect, and believe they have some solid leads on what they're calling “Brazen and scary” incidents.

“We take this very seriously,” Steed said. “We're using all our resources and efforts to make sure that we can get this gentleman as quickly as possible.”

<http://www.11alive.com/news/crime/cops-searching-for-suspect-connected-to-3-brazen-ne-atlanta-crimes/305108644>

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Atlanta Intown

APD Chief Turner: Police facing ‘challenging’ and ‘difficult time’

By: Dyana Bagby

The state of policing in America is facing a “difficult time” in the aftermath of numerous controversial fatal shootings by white officers of black men that has catalyzed activists to take to the streets to protest.

The police shootings of black men, that have been broadcast over the internet thanks to social media and led to the founding of the Black Lives Matter Movement, have also led to a black armed vigilante shooting and killing five police officers in Dallas and another black man to kill three police officers in Baton Rouge.

“We’re in a difficult time,” said Atlanta Police Chief George Turner at the Aug. 18 Buckhead Business Association’s State of Public Safety luncheon.

“It’s challenging to recruit ... with what is going on in the national scene,” Turner said to a packed crowd at 103 West.

The panel discussion included the special agent in charge of the FBI’s Atlanta Division, J. Britt Johnson, and was facilitated by Dave Wilkinson, president and CEO of the Atlanta Police Foundation

“It’s not [hard to recruit] because of the work,” Turner said. “But the challenge is changing the narrative of the work we’re doing. It really requires all of us to do that.”

Turner said the department is looking to more aggressive ways to recruit and as part of that trying to identify ways of “what motivates a millennial,” he said to some laughter.

“They [millennials] want to be involved in something to make a difference ... come to the APD and be the change you want to see,” Turner said.

Turner challenged residents to speak out and “push back” people who generalize that all police are violent.

Turner also mentioned the need to get guns out of the hands of criminals.

“If you look at the kind of violence we are seeing, we have to find a way to deal with these weapons on the streets,” he said. “We see multiple gunshots, guns that can shoot 50 rounds.”

Turner is advocating for “smart guns,” guns that only allow the owner to pull the trigger. Smart guns utilize technology such as fingerprint recognition, mechanical locks or radio-frequency identification chips to ensure only the owner can shoot the weapon.

“We’re talking about smart guns and bringing them into our department,” he said.

Turner talked briefly of the recent BLM protests with thousands of people marching in the city’s streets, including in Buckhead to the governor’s mansion, to protest police killings of black men. He said Operation Shield – the city’s surveillance camera system that gives police access to some 7,500 cameras throughout Atlanta – was utilized to watch protesters and send in officers directly to locations where they believed violence or other trouble was occurring.

“During the protests, we were able to be discreet. Police through the use of CCTV [closed-circuit TV] were able to deploy officers in an effective manner,” he said.

Turner was questioned about the “Ferguson effect,” a term coined after the police killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., in 2014 that led to multiple protests. The St. Louis police chief

argued that increased scrutiny on police led officers to be hesitant to perform their duties, leading to an increase in crime and homicides.

Turner denied that was taking place in Atlanta.

“This city has one of the most extensively trained departments in the nation,” he said. That training includes 22 weeks in the academy and 12 weeks in the field.

“We make sure our officers are prepared to police in an urban environment,” Turner said.

“Perhaps in areas we are seeing some pushback but we are not seeing officers being soft on crime.”

The APD has partnered with the Georgia’s office of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill implemented to train officers on Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) that is designed to educate police officers on how to recognize those with mental illness and how to respond appropriately. Britt of the FBI said his agency is there to help all local police departments in these difficult times, as Turner said, by monitoring social media, providing intelligence and gathering names of “bad actors” of those likely to provoke violence to local law enforcement.

<http://www.atlantaintownpaper.com/2016/08/apd-chief-george-turner-police-facing-challenging-and-difficult-time/>

SUBJECT: Other News of Interest

Rollingout

Atlanta NAACP President Richard Rose on police and the Black community

By: Mo Barnes

The role of the NAACP has become more important than ever in today's charged racial climate and policing of the Black community. *Rolling out* reached out to the Atlanta branch of the NAACP and its president Richard S. Rose to discuss these pertinent issues.

How are people victimized by the police?

People are victimized by the over-policing of people of color, systemic culture of police brutality coupled with cover-up philosophy, and the lack of accountability for reoccurring issues of police violence.

What are the current threats to the Black community and their civil rights?

The current threats to the Black community and their civil rights are voter suppression movements by many states, a lack of voter empowerment and education on key issues, and some voter apathy in local and state elections. Voting is not an option, we must vote in order to protect our civil rights.

What is your concern with the current state of the local police force?

Our Main concern with the current state of the local police force is the lack of urgency in the implementation of President Obama Initiative on 21st Century Policing. President Obama Plan addresses all areas of concern around the issue of Police Violence, racial profiling, Police training, Technology and lack of funding. If BLUE Lives really Mattered, the following the orders of the Chief Law Enforcement Officer would matter because LAW MATTERS. No Police Department in the country has fully implemented the President's Plan.

What do young, Black men and women face from police custody that concerns you?

We are concerned with the increase of police violence on black men and women in police custody coupled with the lack of accountability for deaths associated with police violence while in custody. It is dishearten the repeated examples of cover-ups in these cases and the attempts to blame the victims of this atrocities. We must have accountability in the cases from #Tamir Rice to #Jamarion Robinson.

Who is responsible for the police and community breakdown in trust?

All parties have some level of responsibility for the breakdown in trust, however lack of community engagement and understanding by Law enforcement towards the community is fueling the erosion of trust by the community.

What about police culture causes the Black community to be terrorized by the police?

Generally the systemic institutionalized racism and lack of cultural diversity within police culture is the main problem cause problems between the Black Community and Law Enforcement. The problem is further heightened by the "War on Law Enforcement" rhetoric coming for the Police Unions and Police Leadership Structure, instead of building bridges of understanding with the community that is being policed. Police and Community Engagement on a human level is needed drastically to solved the mistrust between the Police and the community.

What would you say to the police chief about the local police officers?

We would say to the police chief that the majority of local police officers are doing their jobs, however the lack of accountability for the bad officers is shining a bad light on the entire force. The public demands swift accountability for all incidents of officer misconduct, the culture of cover-up and deniability must end. The good officers need to weed out the bad officers and hold them accountable to the citizens.

Does the community trust the police trust?

The community's trust for the police is torn at this point. The lack of accountability for some many officer involved shooting and police violence has driven a wedge in the trust toward law enforcement once had from the community.

What is the role of the NAACP and why did you become a part?

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

How important is it for the community to join and be a part of the NAACP?

It is supremely important for the community to join the NAACP because we have the capacity, the experience, and the track record to force long standing political, educational, social, and economic change. We have not been in this Movement from a moment, we have been in it for a millennium.

What should the hip hop generation know and how would you like to see them get involved?

The hip hop generation should know that these problems have been in the country since its inception and unless we join together to fight White supremacy, we will continue to deal with these problems. The United States of America is the only country in the world where a revolution can occur without a bullet by the use of the ballot. The power of the ballot and voting cannot be understated and we must use that power. If you do not vote, your voice will not be heard. Voting affects some much more than just the election of lawmakers and the creation of laws, it allows you to sit on a jury to determine exactly how the criminal justice system works at a trial.

The NAACP is important because?

For 107 years, Black lives have "mattered" to the NAACP. We are the oldest continuous civil rights organization in the country and we have led every movement for civil rights since 1907. The police have lost our confidence to hold bad police officials accountable and they must implement the President's initiative on 21st century policing immediately to rebuild that trust. We must defend our voting and civil rights by voting in the every federal, state and local election and holding the politicians accountable for the failure of the criminal justice system and police violence.

<http://rollingout.com/2016/08/22/atlanta-naACP-president-richard-rose-police-black-community/>

SUBJECT: The Mayor

Pink News

Atlanta Mayor makes historic appointment of trans activist to city's Review Board

By: Joseph Patrick McCormick

The Mayor of Atlanta Kasim Reed has made a historic appointment to the city's Atlanta Citizen Review board.

Mayor Reed appointed an out trans person to the board, praising their "lifelong" activism.

The appointment is believed to be the first time a trans person has served on the Board openly.

"I am pleased to appoint Tracee McDaniel to serve on the Atlanta Citizen Review Board," Mayor Reed said in a written statement.

"As a lifelong advocate for the transgender community, Ms. McDaniel will bring an important perspective and a lifetime of experience to this role."

Reed added that he thought the appointment would be useful amid tensions between police and Atlanta residents.

"Giving them a role on this body, I think, amplifies that voice and informs us," said Reed.

The Atlanta Review Board was originally created during allegations that the city's police force had used excessive force.

"The citizens review board is very important and I think a lot of people are talking about it as a national model," Reed added.

The LGBT community in the city celebrated the move.

Cheryl Courtney-Evans, executive director of Transgender Individuals Living Their Truth told 11 Alive that the appointment is "more than just window dressing".

McDaniel has previously served on the LGBT advisory board for the Atlanta Police Department and is a vetted trainer for the United States Department of Justice.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2016/08/13/atlanta-mayor-makes-historic-appointment-of-trans-activist-to-citys-review-board/>

SUBJECT: The Mayor

WABE

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed Responds To Protester Demands

By: Lisa Hagen

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed has posted line-by-line responses to demands made by local protesters in the weeks of demonstrations following high-profile police shootings of black men in Baton Rouge and Falcon Heights.

In some cases, Reed's statement said the city and Atlanta police are either already working on changes or that the specific demands were not applicable. In others, the administration pledged openness to policy reviews. Some demands met with full-throated rejections.

The Reed administration said it was open to conducting an updated review of the APD's "no-knock" warrant policy, noting that the last comprehensive review was 10 years ago. In 2006, APD officers killed 92-year-old Atlanta resident Kathryn Johnston in a botched drug raid utilizing a "no-knock" search warrant. Officers were later convicted on charges related to covering up violations.

The city also said it was open to entertaining alternatives to the use of private probation firms, many of which have faced consistent legal challenges on human rights grounds across Georgia and nationally.

The city gave a rough date, the end of September, by which it expects the APD to finish investigating the fatal police shooting of Alexia Christian. She was shot and killed by APD officers in the back of a police car in downtown Atlanta last year. The Fulton County District Attorney's office recommended no criminal charges for officers in the case. Family members and protesters have sought the release of video footage from the incident following Christian's death.

In response to calls for more de-escalation training for police, Reed's office said the APD goes above and beyond state requirements, and has been recognized nationally for its community policing initiatives. The mayor's statement points out that APD has had a Crisis Intervention Team, aimed at responding to mental health, trauma and substance abuse-related calls, since 2004.

An APD spokesperson said 600 of its officers have undergone CIT training from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and that beginning recently, all academy recruits are graduating with the training.

Reed's office said this month, some APD trainers will attend a U.S. Department of Justice anti-bias training program. The statement highlighted its current partnership with local advocacy

organizations to design a pre-arrest diversion program for Atlantans who might otherwise face low level drugs or sex work charges.

As far as demands to disband and remake or rebuild the city's citizen review board, or to end the APD's involvement with an Israeli training program, the refusals from Reed's office were absolute. A call to divert bond referendum funds to invest in "black, marginalized communities," was dismissed as a violation of the approved referendum aims.

Organizers from a main protester group, #ATLisReady, had no comment on the mayor's responses.

<http://news.wabe.org/post/atlanta-mayor-kasim-reed-responds-protester-demands>

SUBJECT: Atlanta City Council

WABE

Atlanta City Council Back From Summer Recess with New Agenda

By: Amy Kiley

The Atlanta City Council returns from its summer recess Monday. These are some highlights from its meeting agenda.

Council members again will consider a plan to rehire police officers who have recently retired. They could work for their previous salaries for up to three years to fill staff shortages.

The council is set to send a few million dollars toward Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport's "ATLNext," the airport's 20-year capital improvement plan.

Also, the council could vote to pay almost \$400,000 to settle an excessive force case. That's from a 2012 arrest in which an Atlanta police officer allegedly tore a suspect's ACL.

The Atlanta City Council could also authorize some refunds for customers who overpaid water and sewer bills.

<http://news.wabe.org/post/atlanta-city-council-back-summer-recess-new-agenda>

**SUBJECT: Department of
Corrections**
The Atlanta-Journal Constitution
Inmates clean up blighted property

By: Ellen Eldridge

After a media report about neighbors complaining their neighborhood had been blighted for more than seven years, officials sent inmates to start the cleanup process.

Employees from Atlanta Public Works, Department of Transportation and non-violent inmates from the Atlanta Jail spent the day cleaning a northwest Atlanta neighborhood, according to Channel 2 Action News. The detainees are part of the inmate work detail program.

On Wednesday, Channel 2 aired grievances from neighbors who said they'd been begging for someone to tend the property on Wadley Street for years.

Less than a week later, officials sent people to remove a mountain of mattresses and other garbage and fix up the publicly-owned building.

The Lankbank Authority, a Fulton County and city of Atlanta agency, owns the boarded up building and officials told Channel 2 someone is supposed to come out every two weeks to clean the grounds.

Neighbor Gregory Parker told Channel 2 he was amazed.

“Finally, we were able to get this entire area cleaned up,” Parker said. “Of course, it doesn't look perfect, but it's a start.”

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/inmates-clean-up-blighted-property/nsCyr/>

SUBJECT: APD

The Atlanta Journal Constitution

Atlanta to spend \$1.9 million on enhanced police vests and helmets

By: Ernie Suggs

When five police officers were gunned down in Dallas last month, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed got a series of phone calls.

Not from nervous police officers.

From family members of police officers, who wanted to know what the city was going to do to protect those in law enforcement from a criminal element that now favors semi-assault rifles over the old Saturday Night Special.

Reed's answer came this week.

The mayor plans to spend \$1.9 million in public and private funds to equip most of the police department with new helmets and vests that would withstand the force of an AR-15.

The city will invest \$1 million into purchasing the vests, and Reed is counting on the Atlanta business community to contribute the rest.

Both the helmet and the vest would be Kevlar re-enforced. The vests would weight about 45 pounds and would be worn over the standard vests that officers wear daily.

Atlanta Police Chief George Turner said he is currently vetting vendors to supply the equipment.

“It is just about the environment that we are in right now,” Reed said. “I want our men and women of the police department to be the safest in the state of Georgia.”

The mayor is also dangling the idea of building a state-of-the-art, centrally located command center on Peachtree Street that would allow police and fire to respond quicker to emergencies in the heart of the city.

Last month in Dallas, a man upset about a string of killings of black men by police camped out at a protest rally and shot more than a dozen people, fatally injuring five officers, with an AR-15.

Days later, three Baton Rouge police officers were shot and killed by a man using a semi-automatic rifle.

A month earlier in Orlando, 49 people at a night club were mowed down by a man using a similar weapon.

“Our behavior is an outgrowth of the real threat we see,” Reed said. “We are not going to overreact, but move on a steady path of adjusting our tactics to do everything in our power to make sure our officers are safe.”

Police departments all over the country are having internal discussions about enhancing the personal safety of officers, said Cedric Alexander, DeKalb County’s deputy chief operating officer of public safety and a member of President Barack Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

“Because we are seeing more long rifles and high-powered weapons, it is certainly a consideration for many municipalities,” said Alexander, a national spokesman on police issues. “I don’t think it is a matter of overreacting. We are living in a very different threat environment. There is a lot more weaponry out there, and we have to do everything that we can to protect our citizens and officers. This is certainly is an alert call.”

When Turner joined the APD 35 years, officers were not issued bullet-proof vests. Any officer who wore one purchased it.

“Never would I have thought that our profession would have gone to where it is now,” said Turner. “If we don’t make sure we have the latest equipment, we are at a disadvantage.” Since he became chief, officers have changed weapons five times — to keep pace with the streets.

As of right now, the equipment would go to about 1,500 police officers, as well as a set number of emergency responders, fire fighters and corrections officers.

Turner said several officers — like those on the SWAT team and members of the Atlanta Proactive Enforcement Interdiction (A.P.E.X.) Unit — already have enhanced vests.

“We are keeping in lockstep with what is supposed to be the best equipment,” Turner said. “...It is the appropriate thing to do as we change to fit a new a paradigm that we face in America.”

<http://www.myajc.com/news/news/atlanta-to-spend-19-million-on-enhanced-police-ves/nsDB5/>

SUBJECT: APD

Patch.com

Top Atlanta Cop To Speak at Buckhead Business Association Lunch

By: Tim Darnell

ATLANTA, GA — Atlanta Police Chief George Turner will be speaking to the Buckhead Business Association on Thursday, August 18, on the topic of public safety.

“This is a timely topic of discussion, particularly given recent events across the United States and the globe,” said David Coxon, 2016 BBA president. “We live in uncertain times, and our public safety leaders are doing everything in their power to serve and protect the community. This forum will no doubt be informative and insightful and gives us an opportunity to hear directly from those charged with keeping the community safe.”

Atlanta Police Foundation President Dave Wilkinson and former Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Secret Service will lead the discussion along with George Turner, Police Chief of Atlanta and other public safety leaders on the issues facing the public, law enforcement and the community.

<http://patch.com/georgia/buckhead/top-atlanta-cop-speak-buckhead-business-association-lunch>