

# **SUBJECT: The Mayor**

***FOX Atlanta***

## **Mayor Kasim Reed discusses public safety initiatives**

By: Staff Writer

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed discussed new public safety initiatives in the city at a news briefing Tuesday morning.

"Public safety is my number one priority, it's the city's number one priority" Reed said.

"Not only are we going to be tough on crime, but we are going to be smart on crime." Reed said repeat offenders are no longer getting a "free pass." Approximately 55 percent of repeat offenders are now receiving jail time, according to Reed.

At the briefing, Reed also said officials are working to [improve](#) safety on the city's Westside, which will consist of adding more than 1,000 cameras in the area.

Reed said Atlanta has reduced both crime and public safety. In 2015, crime decreased by 3 percent.

"Today gives us an opportunity to keep our eyes focused on repeat offenders, and to let you know what we have planned to keep you and the city of Atlanta safe in 2016."

The briefing was held at the Atlanta Public Safety Headquarters. Reed was joined at the briefing by the city's Chief Operating Officer, Chief of Police, Fire Chief and the head of the city's Department of Corrections.

<http://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/92573115-story>

## *Examiner*

### **Black History fact: Beverly Harvard was first Black female Atlanta police chief**

By: Margaret Minnicks

Beverly Harvard became the first Black female police chief for the Atlanta Police Department. Her story is an interesting one. When she signed up to work for the police department in 1973, her husband and friend bet her \$100 that she wouldn't go through with it. Not only did she complete the course to become an officer for the Atlanta Police Department, but she went on to become the first Black female police chief for the force as well, according to [Black America Web](#).

The 1972 graduate of Morris Brown College had no idea what she would be up against when she joined the police academy. However, she graduate and worked her way up the ranks and worked night assignment. Her husband was so worried about her that he would follow her around to make certain she was safe while working at night.

Harvard managed to juggle police work, family life, and graduate school. She earned a master's degree in 1980 from Georgia State University. She made history in October 1994 when she was sworn in as Atlanta's top cop at the age of 43. Harvard held that position until 2002. Afterward, she worked as the Security Director for the U.S. Transportation Security Administration. In 2010, President Barack Obama named Harvard a U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Georgia.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/black-history-fact-beverly-harvard-was-first-black-female-atlanta-police-chief>

# **SUBJECT: APD**

***Fox 5***

## **Atlanta Police chief warns about removing city cops from schools**

By: Morse Diggs

**ATLANTA** - Atlanta Police Chief George Turner said a new Atlanta Public Schools plan makes no sense.

He is talking about the decision by school managers to drop APD officers and hire a separate police force.

The school plan comes in the wake of numerous crimes in the city where school-aged youngsters have been sought, and in some cases, jailed.

The culprits have been as young as 14 years old. At Atlanta City Hall, Turner answered questions from city officials.

City council member Keisha Lance Bottoms bemoaned the fact that too many youngsters are being "cranked" out of school with no skills. She said they turn to "menacing behavior".

Councilman Michael Bond says now is not the time for school managers to start all over and try to hire new inexperienced officers.

Turner responded to the council, saying he told school managers they should not end a relationship with his department. If there are concerns, Turner said his supervisors can work them out.

Atlanta Public School officials say they want to continue to partner with APD as they launch the in-house safety and security department next year.

The district released a statement to FOX 5 saying "With our own in-house department, A-P-S will have sworn police officers, who support our vision of developing school environments where students feel safe to learn, caring adults support students, and our children become productive citizens in their communities."

<http://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/88499066-story>

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**SUBJECT: APD**

***Atlanta Intown***

**News Briefs: Active shooter demos; busy airport; teen tree jobs**

By: Collin

The **Atlanta Police Department** in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services is presenting additional **Active Shooter Presentations** at locations around the city including Bessie Branham Recreation Center on Feb. 24, Ben Hill Recreation Center on March 9 and Peachtree Hills Recreation Center on March 16. All presentations are from 6 to 8 p.m. After the success of the first active shooter presentation, Atlanta Police are eager to provide citizens with more opportunities to participate in the informative presentations. Attendees will learn strategies and plans for surviving an active shooter event. The presentation will address the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy developed by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) in 2004. Topics will also include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, the role of law enforcement and civilian response options. The program will conclude with a questions and answers session. To RSVP, send an email to [Atlantacops@atlantaga.gov](mailto:Atlantacops@atlantaga.gov).

**Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport** served more passengers and handled more aircraft operations than any other airport in the world in 2015 to retain the title as the **World's Busiest Airport**. Atlanta hosted 101,491,106 passengers in 2015, becoming the first airport ever to serve more than 100 million passengers in a single year. The total passenger number for 2015 was a 5.52 percent increase over the 2014 total of 96,178,899 passengers served. The airport also hosted more aircraft operations than any other in 2015. The 882,497 aircraft movements was an increase of 1.63 percent over 2014's total of 868,359. In addition, cargo traffic saw a substantial increase as 626,201 metric tons of cargo moved through the facility in 2015. That's a 4.15 percent increase over 2014's total of 601,270 metric tons.

**Trees Atlanta** will employ high school students at \$8 an hour to work on the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum this summer. The idea is to bring together students who attend different schools but who share interests in trees and the environment. The Trees Atlanta staff is targeting the high schools along the BeltLine—Grady, Booker T. Washington, and Maynard Jackson—by reaching out to counselors and science teachers at those schools. The Youth Tree Team offers a great

opportunity for 9th-12th graders to learn tree identification, tree care, and prairie restoration and management. Working with new friends from different schools, the team members will develop leadership skills, as well as environmental knowledge. One day each week will be spent in an enrichment activity with community leaders, and there will be regular lunch-and-learn sessions with field professionals. The process will be very competitive: there are only eight positions available to be chosen from a maximum of 100 applications

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# **SUBJECT: The Mayor**

## ***11 Alive***

### **Family of murdered elderly woman: let accused killer stand trial**

By: Rebecca Lindstrom and 11 Alive Staff

ATLANTA -- On Tuesday, the daughters of 76-year-old Mary Oliver met in the Fulton County District Attorney's office to join in a public plea: let Geary Otis stand trial for the stabbing death of their mother.

"I am begging the Supreme Court, the legislature and the Governor to reconsider this case," begged Jan Jacobs, wiping away her tears.

A day earlier, the Georgia Supreme Court [ruled a new trial for Otis would amount to double jeopardy](#), essentially trying him twice for the same crime.

The problem stems from a decision made by Superior Court Judge Ural Glanville. During opening statements, the defense told jurors Otis was not guilty by reason of insanity. Prosecutors were upset because they never knew the defense planned to bring mental health up as an issue. They asked for a few days to study his mental health background. But instead of a continuance, the judge ordered a mistrial.

The Supreme Court says that was a mistake. But Howard says their ruling is only compounding it with another mistake.

Howard read from the opinion, "It is apparent that the trial court in this case was striving to reach a fair trial." Knowing that, Howard asked how the Justices could reach such a decision.

"It just seems strange when the court recognizes that, that they would create such an outcome," he said.

Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed stood alongside the family, asking the court to reconsider its decision.

"Would you want a technical error to allow someone who stabbed your loved ones seven times to walk away without consequence? So let's be clear, Geary Otis was never tried. So what we're simply asking today is that he be tried," said Reed.

"It was a mistake on the judge's behalf, by all means sanction the judge, give it to another judge, but he should not walk free. What kind of message does that send?" asked Jacobs.

Otis' defense team says it sends the message that the Constitution protects everyone's due process.

"The remedy is a hard pill to swallow and I can understand why people might be upset in this case when we have a deceased person, it's not easy but it's the right thing to do. That's why we have constitutional protections," said Otis' attorney Bryan Grantham.

District Attorney Paul Howard says victim's should be protected as well. "It is a very bad decision in my opinion and one that I would hope that they would correct."

Howard admits he's hoping the Justices will not only consider his legal argument, but also be moved by the emotions of this case. if it doesn't work, Howard admits he's out of options. He says the court should make its decision within the next few weeks.

<http://www.11alive.com/story/news/crime/2016/02/09/family-murdered-elderly-woman-let-accused-killer-stand-trial/80080636/>

**SUBJECT: Department of Corrections**  
***Atlanta Business Chronicle***  
**Atlanta Department of Corrections launches clean-up campaign**

By: Amy Wenk and Maria Saporta

Atlanta Department of Corrections has launched a new project called Love Our City. It's a community improvement campaign aimed at beautifying the city while allowing inmates to perform community service.

The department will accept requests for trash, debris and graffiti clean-up and removal through Feb. 14. Beautification projects will begin Feb. 15 and continue until all requests have been fulfilled. The work will be completed by inmates in the Inmate Work Detail Program at the Atlanta City Detention Center.

Requests will be reviewed and scheduled by the Atlanta Department of Corrections.

The DOC allows inmates from the Atlanta City Detention Center to earn credit on their sentences by participating in the Inmate Work Detail Program. Inmates who participate in the program are non-violent, minimum security inmates charged with misdemeanor offenses.

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