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Included in this report is the July 9 letter I sent Governor Mike Parson urging him to call a special session of the General Assembly to consider legislative proposals to help reduce our horrendous number of homicides in Kansas City and the frequency of other violent crimes.

This year we are on a pace to far exceed the number of homicides in any given year since our city was founded. Just last week there were two homicides in my legislative district just a two or three minute drive from my residence. **This has to stop!**

The three specific proposals I asked the governor to put on the agenda for a special session are all measures I sponsored or co-sponsored during this year's regular session of the General Assembly. I think all of them would have been likely to pass if the session would not have been abbreviated due to the pandemic. They are: Establishing a long overdue pretrial witness protection program in Missouri.

Strengthening the penalty for tampering with victims or witnesses.

Making discharging a gun within or into city limits with criminal negligence a state offense.

Turning to another subject, I want to remind everyone that due to a new state law I voted for, all persons 65 or over, anyone whose immune system is compromised, anyone living in a licensed long-term care facility, anyone who has contracted COVID-19, and anyone with a health condition such as diabetes that puts them at higher risk for contracting COVID-19 can vote absentee in the August 4 primary without getting their signatures notarized.

The other health conditions that allow such absentee voting include chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, chronic kidney disease for persons undergoing dialysis, liver disease and serious heart conditions.

All other voters may request mail-in ballots for the August election, but their signatures will have to be notarized.

Persons may request an absentee or mail-in ballot application by calling the Kansas City Election Board at 816-842-4820 or by going to the Board's website <u>www.kceb.org</u> and clicking on Absentee Voting and then clicking on Forms & Applications and printing off an application that can be mailed in.

Applications for absentee and mail-in ballots to be mailed to voters must be received by the Board no later than <u>5 p.m. Wednesday</u>, <u>July 22</u>. The completed ballots must be received by the Board no later than <u>7 p.m. August 4</u>. Absentee ballots may be returned by mail or in person, but mail-in ballots must be returned by mail.

Voters may also vote by absentee ballot in person at the Board office in

the basement of Union Station's southeast corner from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday through August 3 and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, August 1.

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my assistant <u>Brian Farmer</u> is ready to help you.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless!

Yours in Service,

Mark A.Sharp

Mark A. Sharp Weekly Capitol Report Friday, July 10th, 2020

FY 2020 ENDS WITH NET STATE REVENUE DOWN 6.6 PERCENT

The 2020 state fiscal year ended June 30 with net state general revenue collections for the year down 6.6 percent compared to FY 2019, going from \$9.57 billion last fiscal year to \$8.93 billion this year. Net collections had been down 7.4 percent through the first 11 months of FY 2020 but improved slightly due to a small uptick in June.

Net general revenue collections for June 2020 increased 1 percent over June 2019, going from \$862.2 million last year to \$871 million this year. Collections for June 2020 marked the first month since February – just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit – that monthly revenue increased compared to the same month in the prior fiscal year.

Because of the sharp downturn in general revenue collections, Gov. Mike Parson unilaterally imposed over \$435 million in budget cuts during the final quarter of FY 2020 in order to keep the state budget in balance. Those cuts primarily came from K-12 schools and higher education. Parson imposed another \$449 million in spending freezes for the 2021 fiscal year, which got underway July 1.

MISSOURI TOPS 25,000 CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES

Missouri has topped 25,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began in March. With a surge of 575 new cases on July 8, there were 25,204 reported cases in the state as of that date, along with 1,046 confirmed deaths from the disease.

As the number of cases continues to increase rapidly after Gov. Mike Parson authorized the state to begin re-opening in early May, several local governments – including those in Columbia, Kansas City, St. Louis City and St. Louis County – have imposed mandatory orders for people to wear masks in public in an effort to limit the spread of the disease. The Springfield City Council is also considering a mask order.

However, Parson has repeatedly stated during his regular press briefings that while he encourages people to wear masks in public, he doesn't favor making it mandatory. Parson routinely goes without a mask at public events. CAPITOL OFFICE Room 109G • State Capitol 201 West Capitol Avenue Jefferson City, MO 65101-6806 Tele: 573.751.9469

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Mark Sharp State Representative District 36

HOUSE COMMITTEES

House Standing Committee on Workforce Development

House Special Committee on Urban Issues

House Standing Committee on Downsizing State Government

July 9, 2020

Honorable Mike Parson Office of the Governor 201 West Capitol Ave. Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Parson:

I respectfully request that you call a special session of the Missouri General Assembly to consider specific legislative proposals to help reduce the horrendous homicide rates in Missouri's largest cities and the frequency of other violent crimes in our urban areas.

Another option would be to just add such proposals to the agenda of any special session you may be considering.

I think there is broad support in the General Assembly for taking decisive action to reduce homicides and other violent crimes, and I believe the measures listed below could be passed in a special session without taking an inordinate amount of time. They probably would have passed during this year's regular session if it had not been abbreviated due to the pandemic.

Establishing a long overdue pretrial witness protection program in Missouri.

Strengthening the penalty for tampering with victims or witnesses which is now just a misdemeanor. If the underlying crime is a felony, victim and witness intimidation in such cases also should be a felony.

Making discharging a firearm within or into city limits with criminal negligence a state offense. This legislation known as "Blair's Law" is named after 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane who was killed in 2011 by celebratory gunfire.

Respectfully,

MLA. Chy

Mark Sharp

MAYOR

Quinton Lucas

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Mayor Lucas Statement on Operation Legend

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 8, 2020

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas today released the following statement regarding Operation Legend:

"I learned on Twitter this afternoon that the Department of Justice plans to send federal investigators to Kansas City as support for unsolved homicide and non-fatal shooting investigations. As I understand the Department's plan, any outside help will not be used for regular policing or patrol activities—and solely to clear unsolved murders and shootings.

"I also understand the United States Attorney in Kansas City has been in contact with the family of LeGend Taliferro who support the investigation effort to help find the murderer of four-year-old LeGend and many other victims tragically killed this year in Kansas City.

"I plan and hope to learn more about this effort over the days ahead. The investigative support effort announced this afternoon can be only one tool out of many, such as mental health treatment and restorative justice, in addressing violent crime.

"As I said in my letter sent last week to Governor Parson that was

cited by the White House this afternoon, '[W]e will continue to pursue a broad set of social services and other tools to address violent crime now and in the future.' As mayor, I remain committed to working on all solutions to making our city safer and finding peace for all those impacted by violent crime."





A Letter from Spire:

To help customers maintain access to safe, reliable natural gas service during the coronavirus pandemic, we worked with the United Way to reimagine how to assist struggling, limited-income residential customers, as well as small business customers, impacted by the pandemic. This effort includes suspending customer disconnects and late fees in mid-March through May.

In June, the <u>Missouri Public Service Commission</u> approved an order to further decide how utility companies will collect past-due payments after delays due to COVID-19.

As we observe the direction of the Commission and slowly return to normal business operations, Spire will begin disconnecting accounts that are past due on Monday, July 6. We have adjusted our customer communications for disconnections —both written and outbound call messages—to include information on energy assistance available to customers.

If your constituents contact you regarding a disconnect notice or a past due bill, please encourage them to <u>contact us</u>. We're here to help them find the best solution to meet their needs. We have assistance programs, payment arrangements and other offerings for which they may be eligible.

Below, I have included a list of Spire's assistance programs.

Relief Assistance for Residential Customers

Spire is providing funds to assist active Missouri residential customers who are struggling to pay their natural gas bill due to the coronavirus pandemic.

To learn if you qualify, visit <u>www.spireenergy.com/relief</u>. The maximum assistance is \$100 per household.

Spire's COVID19 Small Business Relief Program

If a business owner needs assistance with their natural gas bill due to the pandemic, support is available.

The application process is simple. To learn if your business qualifies, visit <u>spireenergy.com/relief</u>.

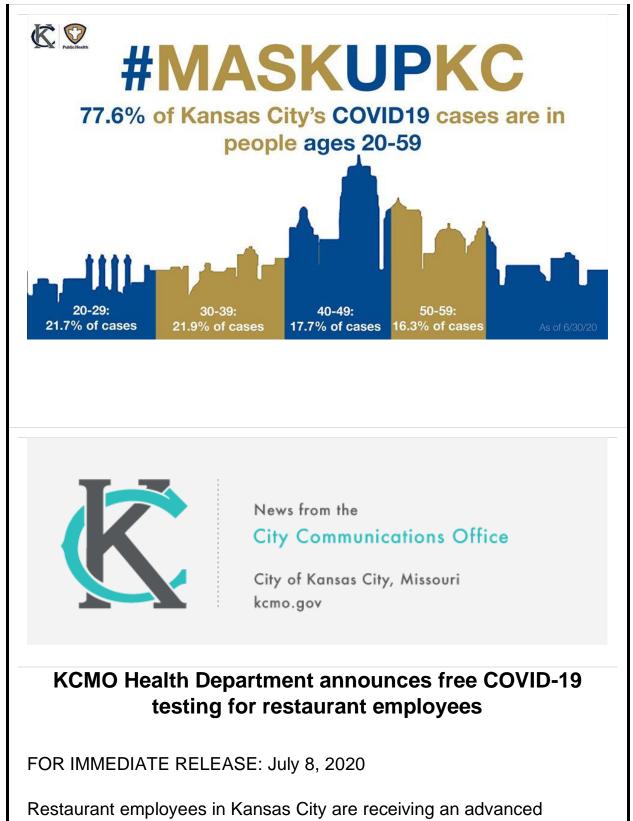
The maximum assistance available is \$200 per small business.

Grant Funding

Nonprofit organizations (501c3 or 501c4 social welfare organizations) in good standing with the IRS are eligible to apply for Spire grant funding. The program funds organizations in the following categories:

- 1. Health & Human Services
- 2. Civic and Community Development
- 3. Education
- 4. Environment

Apply for a Spire grant here.



invitation for COVID-19 testing at no cost during a three-day testing

event organized just for them.

Staff from the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will be at the Homefield Sports Facility, 5300 Bannister Rd., from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., July 13-15 to administer up to 2,000 COVID-19 tests.

Appointments are required. Restaurant employees who live in Missouri can secure an appointment by <u>registering online</u>or by calling 877-435-8411. Any extra appointment times will be opened to others outside the restaurant industry.

"Restaurants are social places. The public comes in, and employees have no idea of their history or their exposure to COVID-19. Others work in close quarters with their co-workers. We wanted to offer this testing first to restaurant employees because of their potential exposure," said Naser Jouhari, Environmental Health Services Division manager. "As restaurants reopen, we also ask staff to follow disease prevention guidelines so employees and patrons stay healthy and so restaurants can remain open."

Under Kansas City, Missouri, Mayor Quinton Lucas' most<u>recent order</u>, masks must be worn inside businesses if six-feet distance cannot be maintained.



Free Virtual Nutrition, Evergy, Yoga and SNAP Classes in July

Community Assistance Council is offering classes (virtual for now) to help support individual, family and community wellness and stability. These online classes are open to all (unless noted otherwise); CAC clients are especially encouraged to sign up. Visit our website with all of the class info and registration links. www.cackc.org

If you tried to register for a class but were unable to, please try again. We fixed a technical glitch. Hope to virtually see you!

Eating Smart * Being Active

This FREE program is offered through CAC by the University of Missouri Extension Family Nutrition Education Programs. The Interactive online lessons focus on food prep, nutrition and physical activity. Participants receive great information and a certificate at the end. It's not required to "attend" all class but it is helpful. EVERYONE is invited to sign up. Participants do not need to be current CAC clients or meet any income or geographic guidelines. All Eating Smart * Being Active classes are on Fridays, starting July 10, 1 to 1:45 pm. Register <u>HERE</u> and you will receive a ZOOM link for each class.

Lesson 1: Welcome to Eating Smart • Being Active Get Moving! - Starting July 10

- Learn cooking skills and knife safety.
- Explore fun ways to be active.

Lesson 2: Plan, Shop, \$ave - July 17

• Ways to plan and shop for healthy meals and snacks that fit in your budget.

Lesson 3: Fruits and Veggies - Half Your Plate - July 24

 Increase amounts and types of vegetables and fruits your family eats every day.

Lesson 4: Make Half Your Grains Whole - July 31

• Ensure your family consumes at least half of their grains as whole grains.

Lesson 5: Go Lean With Protein - August 14

• Learn about lean protein foods and food safety.

Lesson 6: Build Strong Bones - August 21

• How to get enough calcium from low-fat or nonfat dairy foods or other foods.

Lesson 7: Make a Change/Celebrate! Eat Smart and Be Active - August 28

• Pick up tips for limiting fat, sugar and salt.

• Discuss feeding children; celebrate knowledge, skills for making healthy choices.

Evergy's Income Eligible Programs - July 15

· 1 class - 1 - 2 pm, July 15

· For anyone with facing possible nonpayment of their Evergy bill.

Recommended for but not limited to low-income, south KC residents.

Online through ZOOM, presented by Maria Lopez, Evergy

• Register HERE.

Download Connections flyer <u>HERE</u>. Download Economic Relief Program flyer <u>HERE</u>.

This FREE program is offered by Evergy. July 15th is the last day for the moratorium on disconnects. This virtual session will be a great way to talk about new pay arrangements in order to keep the power on. In addition to speaking about the new payment arrangements, Maria Lopez from Evergy will go over Evergy's income eligible programs (ERPP and Weatherization). As well as LIHEAP, the adjustable due date program and the medical program. This is not a one-on-one assistance session, it is an overview of available programs.

Virtual Beginner Yoga - July 21

1 class - 1 - 1:30 pm, July 21 (other sessions available as needed)

• For anyone who interested in trying yoga for mental and physical health.

• Participants do not have to meet income or geographic guidelines.

- Online through ZOOM, presented by Megan Feighny.
- Register <u>HERE</u>.

Led by a certified yoga instructor. The FREE class that introduces the history of yoga, fundamental principles of alignment, and breathwork. This class is for anyone seeking an introductory or gentle yoga class that goes slow and offers clear teachings of the mechanics of the primary poses, providing modifications, and teaches the how and why of yoga. No experience necessary.

SNAP Application Assistance - July 22

1 class - 1 - 2 pm, July 22 (other sessions available as needed)

• For anyone who would like assistance with completing a SNAP (food stamps) application.

• Recommended for but not limited to low-income, south KC residents.

• Online through ZOOM, presented by Marisa Marchitelli-Hepper, Harvesters.

• Register <u>HERE</u>.

• The online, fillable SNAP application is available <u>HERE</u>.

This FREE program is offered by Harvesters - The Community Food Network.

HARVESTERS Food Distribution



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY Healthy Food for Families in Need

Thursday, July 16, 2020 Ruskin High School 7000 E. 111th St., Kansas City, MO 64134 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm*

*Times are approximate. Rain or Shine. Cars can begin lining up at 4:00 pm on Ruskin Way on the side of the school.







South KC Mobile Food Pantries

With so many people out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, a growing number of families in south Kansas City are being forced to rely on community food pantries such as Community Assistance Council's to have enough to eat.

Fortunately, Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semitruck that serves as its mobile food pantry to four sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

Evangel Church, 1414 E. 103rd St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and food will be loaded in the vehicles when they reach the school by staff and student volunteers. This event is sponsored by the school and Community Assistance Council.

Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

Martin City K-8 School, 201 E. 133rd St., from 11 a.m. until food runs out on the third Saturday of the month. This event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church.

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| JULY 31, 2020 | OPEN MIC & TRIVIA | NIGHT | | |
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| AUG 14, 2020 | POETRY SLAM | FACE MASK REQUIRED | | |
| AUG 21, 2020 | FASHION SHOW | | | |
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Alumni & Community News

July 2020

Alumni Recognition

Yellowjacket alumni are a very important part of our family. As a community we want to recognize the accomplishments of our alumni whenever and wherever we can. There are three ongoing programs to do just that. We need your help identifying alumni who are worthy of recognition. Here are the three programs:

Athletic Hall of Fame

The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes Yellowjackets who have contributed significantly to the outstanding legacy of Center sports program as an athlete, coach, or supporter. Inductees can be individuals or teams. 2019 inductees including Coach Calvin Groff (award winning coach in football and track), Ted Beckett (1971 graduate who excelled as a tight end at both Center and the University of Missouri), the State Runner Up 1985 Football team, and David Leone (longtime Center administrator and supporter of Yellowjacket athletes).

<u>Click here</u> to download a nomination form, which has instructions for completing and submitting your nomination. Forms are due no later than August 1, 2020. Inductees are recognized at halftime of the Homecoming football game, scheduled for September 25th (subject to change based on COVID-19 pandemic).

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Center Education Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor we confer on alumni who have distinguished themselves in their career and/or community service. At the 2020 Autos & Auctions Gala we recognized Tom Apel ('72), Carol DiRaimo ('79), and Dr. William Baskin ('74). You can see all of the recipients over the last nine years on our <u>Distinguished Alumni</u> <u>webpage</u>.

Nominations are now open for the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award. Alumni who graduated in 2011 or earlier are eligible. <u>Click</u> <u>here</u> for the nomination form, which can be returned by mail or email. Nominations are due by October 15, 2020.

If you have questions, please contact Rick Chambers by phone to 816.863.2254 or by email at <u>Rick@CenterEducationFoundation.org</u>.

Yellowjacket Heroes

Our newest recognition program is the Yellowjacket Heroes. This started as our way to honor and thank Yellowjacket alumni on the front lines of the battle with COVID-19. It is expanding as a way to recognize alumni who are doing great things in our communities. Check out the list of heroes on our <u>special web page</u>. Let us know about heroes that we should add to the list by sending an email with a bit of their story and their contact information to <u>Rick@CenterEducationFoundation.org</u>.

Truman Medical Centers has available services for **Jackson County residents** during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

If you are experiencing a fever, a new cough or new shortness of breath, you can call **404-CARE (2273)** and speak to a health care professional to be screened for COVID-19.



Coronavirus Facts and Resources

Kansas City

If you would like to receive updates about what the City is doing in response to the coronavirus, **text COVIDKC to 888777** or go online to <u>kcmo.gov/coronavirus</u>

Missouri

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is operating a <u>hotline</u> for residents and health care providers to call for information and guidance about COVID-19.

The statewide hotline number is <u>877-435-8411</u>. The hotline is being operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

On August 4, Missouri votes to expand Medicaid.





Website for Essential Companies Hiring NOW!!

Missouri faces unprecedented times due to the impacts of COVID-19. Here at the Department of Economic Development, we recognize that many of the low-income, at-risk citizens your organizations work with will be hit the hardest and be the first to lose employment. With that in mind, we wanted to direct your attention to the Missouri Now Hiring

website <u>https://missourionestart.com/now-hiring</u>. Missouri One Start is connecting unemployed workers to essential companies who are

staffing up to meet the increased demand for their products and services. There you will find a list of companies that are hiring right now. This site takes workers directly to the hiring/application pages of the respective companies. The list is updated on an ongoing basis, so checking back daily is advised. Please link your clients inneed to this website so our workers can make it past this situation as painlessly as possible.

UNEMPLOYMENT

How to File?

If you're eligible, you'll <u>need</u> the following:

- 1. Your Social Security number;
- 2. Any amount you were paid in the past week, before taxes and deductions;
- The name and mailing address of each job you worked in the past 18 months;
- 4. The dates you started and ended work at each of those jobs.

If this is your first time filing for unemployment please watch <u>this</u> <u>video</u> on unemployment basics. Visit <u>uinteract.labor.mo.gov</u>, create an account and file your claim. If your job loss is related to coronavirus issues, make sure to check a box that says "COVID-19" in your application to waive a requirement to search for a new job amid the crisis.

Missouri provides benefits for up to 20 weeks, which can be extended to 33 weeks under the federal provisions.

The state will pay you up to \$320 per week, and the federal government will provide \$600 on top of whatever you get from the state for each week you're on employment prior to July 31.

Benefits can be paid within 22 days unless there is an issue with your eligibility, which on average can take 4-6 weeks to resolve.

You should continue filing weekly requests for payment even if you have not yet received benefits.

Regional Claims Center representatives are available by phone Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM by calling:

Kansas City Claims Center: <u>816-889-3101</u> or visit <u>Missouri Unemployment Website</u>

Please visit the Missouri Department of Labor's website for more information about COVID-19 FAQ's for Businesses and Workers: <u>https://labor.mo.gov/coronavirus</u>

US Department of Labor has a few sites dedicated to Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employee-paid-leave https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions



The July 2020 issue of Kansas City's Most Wanted is now available.

Your monthly delivery of Kansas City's Most Wanted is here! Take a look at this month's local fugitives and see if you recognize anyone. If so, submit an anonymous TIP and you could receive a cash reward! No one will ever know except you.

TIPS can be anonymously submitted via the following methods:

- 1. The TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477)
- 2. Online at <u>www.kccrimestoppers.com</u>
- 3. The P3 Mobile App

Thank you for your continued support of the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers program.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS 816-474-TIPS HOTLINE

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the

boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at <u>www.KCcrimestoppers.com</u>, or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.





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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any feedback, questions or ideas!