



Dear Neighbor,

The Missouri House of Representatives will resume the legislative session on Monday, May 4, and will have two weeks left before the session adjourns on May 15.

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 information about how to keep safe during the pandemic and about what is happening in state government and how it will impact them. Be safe and God bless. Yours in Service, Mark A.Sharp

## Mark A.Sharp Weekly Capitol Report

#### Friday, May 1st, 2020

#### PROPOSAL TO REDUCE GUNFIRE & PROTECT WITNESSES AWAITS VOTES

Thanks to the help of colleagues on the House Regulatory Oversight & Reform Committee, the major provisions from two bills I sponsored and two bills I co-sponsored have been added to an omnibus anti-crime and public safety bill that is awaiting a vote by the House Fiscal Review Committee before going to the full Missouri House for consideration.

#### The provisions of these two bills I sponsored were added to the omnibus anticrime and public safety bill:

**House Bill 2169** - Blair's Law makes it a felony to discharge a firearm with criminal negligence within or into any municipality in the state with certain specific exemptions such as self-defense. It is named after 11-year-old Blair Shanahan Lane who was killed in the Kansas City area by celebratory gunfire. Right now such gunfire is generally only a city ordinance violation, and some neighborhoods in our city, such as the one where I grew up, now sound like a war zone on major holidays or special events such as the Chiefs' Super Bowl victory, causing tremendous amounts of property damage and risking the lives and safety of our citizens.

**House Bill 2635** – This bill allows persons arrested for an offense involving a deadly weapon or dangerous felony to be held for up to 48 hours while awaiting formal charges to be filed before they must be discharged to give law enforcement agencies more time to gather essential evidence in such serious cases. Currently, all arrestees must be released within 24 hours if formal charges have not been filed.

#### The provisions of these two bills I co-sponsored were added to the bill:

House Bill 1964 - In an effort to decrease the many instances of victim and witness

intimidation, this bill increases the penalty for tampering with a victim or witness in felony cases from a misdemeanor to a felony. The penalty for victim or witness tampering remains a misdemeanor in misdemeanor cases.

**House Bill 2207** – This bill would establish the Pretrial Witness Protection Services Fund that would allow the Missouri Department of Public Safety to provide funds (appropriated by the General Assembly) to law enforcement agencies to protect victims, witnesses and their immediate families whenever their pending testimony in state criminal cases could put them in danger of bodily injury.

## Other significant anti-crime and public safety measures included in the lengthy bill include:

Creating the crime of vehicle hijacking and making it a felony.

Strengthening the penalties for armed criminal action (committing a felony with the use of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon) from not less than three years to not less than five years (if the defendant unlawfully possessed a firearm) for the first offense; from not less than five years to not less than 15 years (if the defendant unlawfully possessed a firearm) for the second offense; and from not less than ten years to not less than 15 years (if the defendant unlawfully possessed a firearm) for the second offense; and from not less than ten years to not less than 15 years (if the defendant unlawfully possessed a firearm) for a third or subsequent offense. These penalties are to run consecutively to any penalties imposed for the underlying crime.

Prohibiting probation, suspended imposition or execution of sentence or conditional release for anyone convicted of second-degree murder, a dangerous felony after a prior conviction for a Class A or B or dangerous felony, or a dangerous felony involving the use of a deadly weapon.

Enhancing the penalties for unlawful possession of a firearm for persons with a prior conviction for a dangerous felony.

Encouraging more companies and organizations to provide public access to automated external defibrillators to treat cardiac arrest victims by streamlining the regulations regarding their usage.

Probably the most controversial provisions in the omnibus bill prohibit all cities, counties, towns, townships, and villages from enforcing existing rules or regulations or adopting new ones requiring law enforcement officers to live within their boundaries, although they would be allowed to require officers to reside within a one-hour response time to their jurisdiction. (Similar language was phased in for commissioned and civilian employees of the St. Louis City police department when control of that department was transferred from a state appointed board of police commissioners to the city government.)

The omnibus bill, House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill 600, has been recommended for passage by the Regulatory Oversight & Reform Committee and the House Rules Committee.

The Senate passed a much shorter version of the bill that was 15 pages long instead of 112 by a vote of 27-2 earlier this session, but it did not include the police residency provisions.

Any changes to the bill that the House approves will require Senate concurrence or both bodies can appoint a conference committee to attempt to work out their differences. If the committee reaches an agreement, both bodies will have to approve it for the measure to go to the governor for his signature.

#### HOUSE CUTS \$700 MILLION FROM STATE BUDGET PLAN

The House of Representatives on April 29 approved a state operating budget for the 2021 fiscal year that cuts general revenue spending by \$700 million from what lawmakers had planned in March before the COVID-19 pandemic closed down much of the state and forced a sharp downward revision in estimated revenue collections. The budget process now moves to the Senate.

The bulk of the general revenue cuts – approximately \$400 million – comes from eliminating most planned spending increases over FY 2020 appropriations, including canceling 2 percent pay raises for state employees, who rank dead last in average pay among state workers nationwide.

Another \$229 million is saved by making permanent the spending cuts for FY 2020 that Republican Gov. Mike Parson unilaterally imposed in recent weeks. Most of those cuts targeted education, with nearly \$82 million from higher education plus another \$23.6 million from K-12 education. Most of the remaining FY 2021 savings come from eliminating transfers of general revenue into various special state funds.

Despite the deep cuts, on paper it looks like the overall budget ballooned by \$4.2 billion dollars, going from the \$30.7 billion planned in March to \$34.9 billion in the final House version. This results from massively over-appropriating billions in expected economic stimulus funding from the federal government in order to give the Parson administration more flexibility over how that money should be allocated within broad federal parameters. The amount of money the state actually will receive from the federal government remains unclear.

After being largely on hiatus since mid-March, which put the budget process weeks behind schedule, the General Assembly reconvened on April 27 in hopes of hitting the May 8 constitutional deadline for finishing the budget. With the budget process out of the House, just days remain for the Senate to craft its versions of the various appropriations bills before entering into negotiations with the House over a final spending plan to send to final votes in both chambers.

#### **RETIRED JUDGE MAKES CASE FOR BROAD ABSENTEE VOTING**

The risk of contracting COVID-19 by entering a crowded polling place to cast a ballot is sufficient reason under existing Missouri law to vote absentee, according to an April 23 legal memorandum written by retired Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Wolff and signed by 80 other attorneys, including several former judges.

Unlike laws in most states that allow unfettered absentee voting, Missouri law requires a voter to cite from a list of legally approved reasons to obtain an absentee ballot. One of those reasons is "incapacity or confinement due to illness."

While the Missouri Association of County Clerks & Election Authorities supports expanded absentee voting under the circumstances, Republican Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft argues the law requires someone be actually ill to vote absentee and says fear of getting sick due to a global pandemic doesn't qualify.

In his detailed memorandum, Wolff, a former dean of the St. Louis University School of Law, says Ashcroft's interpretation runs counter to both the plain language and purpose of the statute and ignores state Supreme Court precedent holding that voting is a fundamental right that the state can't infringe without clearly stating a compelling governmental interest for doing so.

"Interpreting the absentee statute in a way that requires voters to jeopardize their health and lives would certainly constitute a severe burden on their right to vote," Wolff wrote. "By contrast, interpreting the statute by its plain meaning to include 'confinement' due to illness to include a stay at home regimen (confinement) due to a nationwide (health) emergency would preserve the fundamental right of Missouri citizens to vote."

Officials in several jurisdictions, including St. Louis County, plan to allow voters to cite COVID-19 as a valid excuse for getting an absentee ballot. However, the lack of a uniform statewide standard could lead to different results in different jurisdictions, with

some excepting this reason and some not. The American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri recently filed a lawsuit seeking a clear judicial ruling that absentee voting is allowed during the pandemic.

#### MOST STATEWIDE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS TO END MAY 4

Gov. Mike Parson's administration is moving forward with plans for a May 4 lifting of most statewide restrictions on individuals and businesses imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, Parson said officials will continue to monitor cases once the state reopens and take action as necessary.

"If we see a trend where all of a sudden we're escalating back up, we're going to reevaluate the situation; it's that simple," Parson said at his April 29 press briefing. "But right now I think we have the tools in place, and I'm confident that we're on a downward spiral for the majority of the state."

Parson has said any business that wants to may reopen once his limited stay-at-home order expires. The main restriction remaining in place requires people to maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet apart, although that directive, too, is slated to expire at the end of May. As to how the physical distancing order will be enforced, Parson said it mostly will be up to business owners and customers to self-police, although local health department officials can step in with legal enforcement as warranted.

With furloughed employees being recalled to work, Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Director Anna Hui warned that fear of contracting COVID-19 is not a valid reason for refusing employment and would result in termination of unemployment benefits. However, Hui added that if an employee returns to work but at diminished hours, he or she could still be eligible for partial benefits, depending on the amount of their weekly earnings.

On April 24, Parson extended his statewide declaration of a state of emergency through June 15, but this was done primarily to allow him to continue exercising certain emergency powers under state law and enable the state to leverage federal disaster funding.



Voting electronically on one of the appropriation bills for the 2020-2021 state budget this week in the House Chamber.



FAQS at KCMO.GOV/CORONAVIRUS

## Data-Driven Plan for Reopening City of Kansas City, Missouri

April 29, 2020

Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas today—in consultation with Kansas City Health Department Director Rex Archer, M.D.—announced Kansas City's phased reopening plan. Beginning May 15, all Kansas City businesses will be able to open, subject to a "10/10/10 Rule."

The 10/10/10 Rule specifies that all non-essential Kansas City businesses must limit the number of customers allowed in their establishment at one time to no more than **10 percent of building occupancy** or **10 people** (whichever is larger), and record the names, contact information, and approximate entry/exit time of all customers who are on premises and seated for more than **10 minutes**. Establishments such as grocery stores, medical and dental offices, pharmacies, and other essential businesses are not subject to the 10/10/10 Rule.

Gyms, museums, bars and in-person restaurant dining will open with additional Health Department guidance on May 15 to best protect workers and patrons.

Based on public health guidance, non-essential businesses that are not open to the public will be permitted to open one week from today, subject to social distancing guidance. Religious gatherings – including weddings and funerals – of 10 people inside and 50 people outside can resume on the same date, provided social distancing is maintained and event organizers record the names and contact information of all attendees. In the interest of public health and subject to City Order, any Kansas Citian who does not yet feel safe returning to a non-essential workplace cannot be compelled by their employer to return prior to May 15.

Kansas Citians interested in signing up for text updates from the City of Kansas City regarding COVID-19 should text COVIDKC to 888-777. For more information, visit <u>kcmo.gov/coronavirus</u>. You may also call the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline at 877-435-8411 for questions regarding COVID-19 in Missouri. **KCMO Reopening FAQ** 

### 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 semi-truck 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. 103<sup>rd</sup> 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. 111<sup>th</sup> 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. 133<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### 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 in-need to this website so our workers can make it past this situation as painlessly as possible.

We also want to make sure you are aware of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that recently passed Congress. Nonprofits may be eligible for a number of programs including disaster and paycheck protection loans. The link can be found here <u>https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program</u>. If your organization is struggling with aspects like keeping employees on the payroll, we encourage you to look into these resources.

## The latest on CORONAVIRUS kcmo.gov/coronavirus

## **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.

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.

During this urgent and unprecedented public health crisis, the United Way of Greater Kansas City wants to remind you of the referral services available through 211, a one-stop resource for community relief – food, financial help, utility assistance, tax services and more. Through 211, callers are connected to more than 8,000 programs run by nonprofit organizations and government agencies throughout the 23-county United Way 211 service area. For assistance, visit <u>211kc.org</u> or dial 211.

Kansas City's website has a <u>page</u> dedicated to the coronavirus. It has the latest updates on the state of emergency proclamations, orders and <u>Changes in City</u> <u>Operations and Online Resources</u>. The page includes resources such as a <u>Guide for</u> <u>Businesses and Organizations</u> and links to the <u>Centers for Disease Control and</u> <u>Prevention</u> and the <u>KCMO Health Department</u>.

#### Kansas City, Missouri Health Department (KCHD)

- 1. Call (816) 513-6008 for general help and information:
- 2. Email at: <u>health@kcmo.org</u>.
- 3. Visit in person, Monday Friday, 7:30 AM 5:00 PM

Kansas City, Mo. Health Department: 2400 Troost Ave.Kansas City, MO 64108

#### Please Visit KC City Hall website dedicated to COVID-19 for Coronavirus

#### FAQ's

The City encourages everyone to watch public meetings <u>online</u> or on <u>Channel 2</u> and submit public comments by <u>email</u>.

## **Missouri State Resources**

24 hour hotline: 877-435-8411 or https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/

### Unemployment

Kansas City Claims Center: 816-889-3101 or Missouri Unemployment Website

## **DO YOU QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS?**

## If you lost income or health insurance due to COVID-19, you may now qualify for help.

#### **Monthly Income per Family Size**

	Food Stamp (SNAP)	TANF (Cash Assistance)*	Medicald for Kids**	Medicald for Families	Help paying for Child Care
ŤŤ	\$1,832	\$234	\$4,310	\$234	\$1,944
ttt	\$2,311	\$292	\$5,430	\$292	\$2,454
<b>††††</b>	\$2,790	\$342	\$6,550	\$342	\$2,961

\*A child must be present in the home to qualify. \*\*Some income levels require a monthly premium.

NOTE: There are more requirements to qualify, not just income. Visit mydss.mo.gov to learn more.

## HOW TO APPLY

If you think you may qualify for benefits, you can apply in one of these ways:



Visit myDSS.mo.gov



Call 1-855-FSD-INFO (1-855-373-4636)

Email or fax your application and documents to FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov or 573-526-9400

Minouri Department of SOCIAL SERVICES Questions? Call 1-855-FSD-INFO (1-855-373-4636)

## UNEMPLOYMENT

#### How to File?

If you're eligible, you'll need the following:

- 1. Your Social Security number;
- 2. Any amount you were paid in the past week, before taxes and deductions;
- 3. 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 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: 816-889-3101 or visit

Missouri Unemployment Website

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

## SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAMS

GO TO THE WEBSITES BELOW FOR INFORMATION ON BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAMS FOR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS DURING THE CURRENT CLOSURE.

#### CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.center.k12.mo.us

#### GRANDVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.grandviewc4.net

#### HICKMAN MILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

www.hickmanmills.org

KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

www.kcpublicschools.org

## **Important Medical Information**

## HOSPITALS

Children's Mercy Hospital	
2401 Gillham Rd, Kansas City 64108	
Emergency	<u>(816) 234-3430</u>
Non-Emergency	<u>(816) 234-3000</u>
Volunteer Services	<u>(816) 234-3496</u>
North Kansas City Hospital	<u>(816) 691-2000</u>
2800 Clay Edwards Dr, Kansas City 64116	
Emergency	<u>(816) 691-2098</u>
Research Medical Center - Brookside Campus 6601 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City 64134	<u>(816) 276-7000</u>
St. Joseph Medical Center	<u>(816) 942-4400</u>
1000 Carondelet, Kansas City 64114	
Saint Luke's Hospital	
4401 Wornall Rd, Kansas City 64111	
Non-Emergency	<u>(816) 932-2000</u>
Pharmacy	<u>(816) 932-2107</u>
Nurse Line	<u>(816) 932-6220</u>
Swope Health Services	<u>(816) 923-5800</u>
Samuel Rodgers Health Center	<u>(816) 474-4920</u>
825 Euclid Ave, Kansas City 64124	

Truman Medical Center	<u>(816) 404-7000</u>
7900 Lee's Summit Rd, Kansas City 64139	
Transportation	<u>(816) 404-3375</u>

Veterans Administration Medical Center	<u>(816) 861-4700</u>
<u>4801 E Linwood Blvd, Kansas City 64128</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.



## Feeling ill with COVID-19 symptoms?

Fever, cough, new shortness of breath, flu-like symptoms?

## Call 816-404-CARE (2273)

#### to get tested at one of these locations.

#### Monday, May 4 10 am to 2 pm

Metro Christian Church Parking Lot 2217 Highgrove Road Grandview, MO 64030

#### Tuesday, May 5 10 am to 2 pm

Sheffield Family Life Center 5700 Winner Road Kansas City, MO 64127

#### Wednesday, May 6 10 am to 2 pm

Grain Valley Community Center 713 Main St. Grain Valley, MO 64028

#### Thursday, May 7 10 am to 2 pm

Connection Pointe Church Parking Lot 10500 E. State Road 350 Raytown, MO 64138

#### Friday, May 8 10 am to 1 pm

Ruskin High School 7000 E. 111th Street Kansas City, MO 64134





## **BoysGrow Info Meeting**





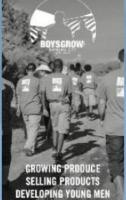
Paid Summer Job for 8th Grade Boys

Our young men work hard on a 10-Acre farm & learn how to run a business. The BG Teams - Agriculture - Culinary Arts

- Construction
- Public Speaking
- Marketing

Due to Covid the Application Process will be done online. For quetions & an application you must email <u>staff@boysgrow.com</u> & visit <u>www.boysgrow.com</u> for more info Application due by May 8th

Want to Apply?



DEVELOPING YOUNG MEN www.boysgrow.com



For an Application Email staff @boysgrow.com





Dear Friends,

At Community Assistance Council right now, most days **20 families** come to our building for food. Many **of those are new to CAC** and any kind of assistance.

So far 22 families who have lost jobs to COVID-19 have called in for emergency rent assistance. Right now, families cannot be evicted and utilities cannot be shut off. However, when the moratorium is lifted and three months of rent and utility bills come due, we expect the calls for help to explode.

As the only emergency assistance agency in south Kansas City, including Hickman Mills and Center School Districts, in the best of times, CAC provides:

Emergency rent assistance that helps keep 15 families a month from homelessness.

Emergency utility assistance that provides the most basic quality of life - heat, lights and running water - for 20 families a month.

Food on the table for 135 families each month.

Now?

1. We are already seeing **double the demand for food**.

- 2. With no homeless shelter in south Kansas City, CAC is preparing for unprecedented emergency rent assistance needs.
- 3. Every time we can keep food in the house, utilities on and families in homes, we contribute healthier families, children doing better in school and a more stable community.

So we are putting out our May Day call for help.

If you can, please support Community Assistance Council during this critical time.

- Every \$1 provides 3 meals.
- Every \$350 keeps the lights, water or gas on for a family.
- Every \$750 can help keep a family from becoming homeless.
- Every financial or nonperishable food, hygiene or in-kind donation helps.

Visit <u>www.cackc.org</u> to donate online, or send a check to CAC, <u>10901 Blue Ridge</u> <u>Boulevard</u>, Kansas City, MO 64134

Please contact me to discuss, <u>Rachel.casey@cackc.org</u>, 816-682-2356.

Thank you,

Rachel Casey

**Executive Director** 

No goods or services are provided in exchange for contributions.

Make a Donation – Make a Difference

- \$5 can provide fresh milk for a family for a month
- \$50 can provide food for a family for a month
- \$750 can help a family avoid homelessness
- \$5,000 can provide full Thanksgiving or Christmas meals for 225 families.

To make a one-time donation or set up a monthly payment click here.

Call Rachel Casey at 816-763-3277 x 103 or email <u>Rachel.casey@cackc.org</u> to discuss ideas.





# The May 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:

- The TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477)
- Online at <u>www.kccrimestoppers.com</u>
- 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.



#### **My Legislation**

HB2107- Modifies residency requirements for the A+ Schools Program

HB2169- Establishes Blair's Law, which creates the offense of unlawful

discharge of a firearm for discharging a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality with criminal negligence

<u>HB 2635</u> - Provides that the period of detention on arrest without a warrant is 48 hours for criminal offenses involving a dangerous felony or deadly weapon

HB 2636 - Modifies provisions regarding the expungement of records

HB 2690 - Establishes a Negro Leagues Baseball Museum special license plate



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