

# Memorandum



DATE: November 13, 2009

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: **Murders Investigated by Homicide Unit**

Attached is briefing material on the "Murders Investigated by Homicide Unit" to be presented to the Members of the Public Safety Committee on Monday, November 16, 2009.

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Attachment

CC: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council

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# Murders Investigated by Homicide Unit

Public Safety Committee

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# Homicide Overview

- Year to date comparison
  - Division and Time of Homicide
  - Characteristics of Victim/Suspect
  - Motive and Weapon Used
  - Premises
- Summary of October homicides

# Division and Time of Homicide

Patrol Division	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
Central	8	6%	14	10%
Northeast	23	17%	19	13%
Southeast	37	28%	37	26%
Southwest	22	17%	14	10%
Northwest	8	6%	13	9%
North Central	3	2%	8	6%
South Central	31	23%	36	26%
Total	132	100%	141	100%

Day of Week	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
Sunday	21	16%	25	18%
Monday	18	14%	23	16%
Tuesday	22	17%	14	10%
Wednesday	28	21%	16	11%
Thursday	8	6%	15	11%
Friday	17	13%	25	18%
Saturday	18	14%	23	16%
Total	132	100%	141	100%

Time of Day	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
12am - 6am	43	33%	42	30%
6am - 12noon	20	15%	23	16%
Noon - 6pm	21	16%	22	16%
6pm - 12mid	48	36%	54	38%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0%
Total	132	100%	141	100%

# Characteristics of Victim/Suspect

Race of Victim	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
White	14	11%	17	12%
Black	80	61%	77	55%
Hispanic	35	27%	46	33%
Other	2	2%	1	1%
Unknown	1	1%	0	0%
Total	132	100%	141	100%

Race of Suspect	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
White	7	5%	3	2%
Black	66	50%	57	40%
Hispanic	19	14%	24	17%
Other	0	0%	1	1%
Unknown	40	30%	56	40%
Total	132	100%	141	100%

Age of Victims	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
0 - 14	7	5%	4	3%
15 - 17	3	2%	1	1%
18 - 24	32	24%	31	22%
25 - 34	48	36%	45	32%
35 - 49	28	21%	39	28%
50 - 64	11	8%	18	13%
65+	2	2%	3	2%
Unknown	1	1%	0	0%
Total	132	100%	141	100%

Gender of Victims	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
Male	109	83%	116	82%
Female	23	17%	25	18%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0%
Total	132	100%	141	100%

# Motive and Weapon Used

Motive	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
Drugs	27	17%	17	11%
Gangs	16	10%	8	5%
Robbery	34	22%	24	16%
Altercation	48	30%	43	29%
Domestic/Child Abuse	10	6%	17	11%
Unknown	21	13%	38	26%
Kidnapping	0	0%	0	0%
Sex Motivated	0	0%	0	0%
Accidental Unjustified	2	1%	0	0%
Home Invasion	0	0%	0	0%
Burglary	0	0%	0	0%
Drive-by	0	0%	0	0%
Road Rage	0	0%	0	0%
Arson	0	0%	0	0%
Revenge	0	0%	0	0%
Officer in Line of Duty	0	0%	1	1%
Prostitution	0	0%	0	0%
Total	158	99%	148	100%

Type of Weapon	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
Handgun	86	65%	92	65%
Rifle	6	5%	11	8%
Stabbing	18	14%	16	11%
Blunt Force	18	14%	14	10%
Strangulation	0	0%	0	0%
Shotgun	1	1%	1	1%
Unknown	1	1%	2	1%
Unk Firearm	0	0%	0	0%
Accelerant/Flammable Material	0	0%	0	0%
Drowning	0	0%	1	1%
Medication/Overdosed	1	1%	1	1%
Vehicle	1	1%	3	2%
Hot Water Submersion	0	0%	0	0%
Total	132	98%	141	96%

\* some cases have more than one motive

# Premises

Type of Premise	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
Apartment	22	17%	26	18%
Residence	37	28%	40	28%
Street/Alley/Sidewalk	17	13%	19	13%
Apt/Complex/Parking Lot	23	17%	25	18%
Parking Lot	10	8%	11	8%
Outside Location	8	6%	6	4%
Business	2	2%	4	3%
Hotel/Motel	3	2%	2	1%
Night Club	7	5%	6	4%
Water	1	1%	0	0%
Public Park	1	1%	2	1%
Public School Property	1	1%	0	0%
Abandoned Building	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>100%</b>

Public vs. Private	2008		2009	
	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total	Number of Murders	% of Yearly Total
Public Place	70	53%	73	52%
Residences/Apartments/Motels	62	47%	68	48%
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Summary of Octobers Homicides

- Twenty total homicides
  - Central – 2
  - Northeast – 6
  - Southeast – 0
  - Southwest – 2
  - Northwest – 2
  - North Central – 3
  - South Central – 5
- Individual summaries provide insight to various motives, premises, weapons, victims, and suspects



# Central Division (2)

- Beat 115 940 S. Haskell Ave., 316085-W October 24, 2009 12:30 a.m.
  - Complainant Brandon Breon, a 25-year-old male and the suspect, Roderick Thomas, B/M/21 were involved in a physical altercation when suspect Thomas shot and killed the complainant.
- Beat 114 108 N. Fitzhugh Ave., 308599-W October 17, 2009 12:29 a.m.
  - Complainant Johan Friessen, a 50 – year-old male was at the Los Dos Reales bar playing pool. Several suspects wearing bandanas entered the bar with pistols and robbed the patrons and business. There were approximately 20 patrons inside the location and several victims were assaulted. The complainant was hiding in the bathroom and was discovered by one of the suspects. The suspect shot and killed the complainant.

# Northeast Division (6)

- Beat 256 11601 Audelia Rd., 323021-W  
October 30, 2009 7:58 p.m.
  - Complainant Robert Killings, a 35-year-old male was walking out of the front entrance of the Sienna Palms Apartments when an unknown person shot him causing his death. The motive for his murder is unknown at this time.
- Beat 234 2359 Highland Rd., 320211-W  
October 28, 2009 2:30 a.m.
  - Unidentified suspects approached the complainant, Archie Chrism, a 56-year-old male and demanded money. The suspects shot the complainant and the complainant died on October 30th.

# Northeast Division

- Beat 254 13030 Audelia Rd., 317907-W  
October 25, 2009, 1:20 a.m.
  - The complainant, Dwayne Blair, a 25-year-old male and the suspects are both members of a known gang. They became involved in an argument over an incident that occurred at a local night club the day before. The aforementioned argument escalated into a fight. The suspect pulled a gun and shot and killed the complainant. One of the suspects was identified as Debrion Jackson, a 17-year-old male who is also known as "B - Da" On 10-27-09 suspect, Debrion Jackson was arrested without incident.

# Northeast Division

- Beat 257 9900 Adleta Blvd., 316141-W October 24, 2009, 1:20 a.m.
  - The complainant, Shawn O'Neal Henderson, a 28-year-old male and the suspect Terry Williams, a 28-year-old male had an argument. The suspect stabbed the complainant causing his death. The suspect turned himself in and was placed under arrested.
- Beat 231 11363 Amanda Ln., 315801-W October 23, 2009, 6:49 p.m.
  - The complainant, Juan Cantu, a 29-year-old male, and a witness were drinking in the parking lot of an apartment complex when the complainant became involved in an argument with an unidentified suspect. The suspect pulled a pistol and shot and killed the complainant.

# Northeast Division

- Beat 227 12243 E. Northwest Hwy., 313034-W October 21, 2009 3:25 a.m.
  - The complainant, Elliot Joseph Major, a 23-year-old male was shot and killed at an unknown location then driven to the above address at which time a witness called the police. The vehicle occupied by the complainant and witness was reported stolen out of Mesquite several days earlier.

# Southwest Division (2)

- Beat 445 2900 Sprucevalley Ln., 292594-W  
October 1, 2009 5:30 p.m.
  - The complainant, Juan Gonzales, a 20-year-old male and a juvenile male suspect were involved in an argument. The suspect shot the complainant and ran from the location. The complainant was transported to Methodist Central Hospital where he died on 10/07/09 the juvenile suspect was arrested at Dallas Kimball High School.
- Beat 413 727 S. R.L. Thornton Service Rd.,  
306559-W October 15, 2009 8:13 a.m.
  - The complainant, Rickey Hunt, a 29-year-old male was in his vehicle traveling South bound on the South R. L. Thornton Freeway service road when unknown suspects shot and killed the complainant. The complainant was discovered by passersby deceased inside his vehicle. There are no witnesses that have been located.

# Northwest Division (2)

- Beat 537 3025 Webb Chapel Ext., 315884-W  
October 23, 2009 8:41 p.m.
  - The complainant, Teresa Ann Escamilla, a 32-year-old female and a witness were in the complainant's car in West Dallas when an unknown truck pulled up next to them as they parked at Terry's Super Market and fired a shotgun into the car. The complainant was struck and died instantly. On 10-30-09 suspect, Joshua Bustamante, a 28-year-old male was arrested and charged with this offense.

# Northwest Division

- Beat 513 6930 Harry Hines Blvd., 303338-W  
October 11, 2009 11:00 p.m.
  - A male suspect entered the Payless convenience store located at 6930 Harry Hines. The Suspect grabbed a witness and held her at gunpoint while he demanded money from 42-year-old Kim Heng Lay. Mr. Lay opened both cash registers. The suspect grabbed the money and began walking toward the door. Mr. Lay pulled his pistol and shot at the suspect striking him. The suspect returned fire and struck Mr. Lay causing his death. The suspect left the scene in a passenger vehicle. On 10-13-09 suspects Rudy Bonilla, a 41-year-old-male and Harold Davis, a 49-year-old male were arrested and charged with this offense.



# North Central Division (3)

- Beat 635 5818 Prestonview Blvd., 313841-W  
October 21, 2009 8:55 p.m.
  - The complainant, Juan Carlos Pena-Rosario, a 34-year-old male, was returning to his apartment with his girlfriend. As the complainant exited his vehicle from the apartment parking lot, he and the girlfriend were approached by two male suspects who demanded money. One suspect shot the complainant while the other took the girlfriend's purse. The complainant was transported to Parkland Hospital where he later died as a result of his injuries.

# North Central Division

- Beat 631 14756 Dallas Parkway, 297415-W October 6, 2009 8:53 a.m.
  - The complainants Conequa Mathewis, a 34-year-old female and Donyell Snoddy, a 36-year-old male, were found deceased sitting in their vehicle parked at the rear of the Renaissance Apartment complex. Both victims sustained fatal gunshot wounds. (Related 297433-W)

# South Central Division (5)

- Beat 732 3600 E. Ledbetter Dr., 311009-W  
October 19, 2009 7:30 a.m.
  - The complainant, Francisco Rodriguez, a 19-year-old male was found dead on the side of the road by a passerby from a gun shot wound.
- Beat 734 2120 52nd St., 303644-W October 12, 2009 10:18 a.m.
  - The complainant, Kemonn Ronyae Bouldin, a 32-year-old male, and suspect Cardarell Nash, a 21-year-old male were arguing. The suspect pulled a pistol and shot the complainant multiple times causing his death. The suspect was arrested for this offense.

# South Central Division

- Beat 732 4740 Stokes St., 303353-W October 11, 2009 9:30 p.m.
  - The complainant, Marcus Deshon Henry, a 27-year-old male was found deceased from apparent multiple gunshot wounds. The complainant had only lived at the offense location for two or three days. A neighbor entered the offense location and discovered the complainant's body.
- Beat 713 1202 Arizona Ave., 300902-W October 9, 2009 3:35 p.m.
  - The complainant, Robert Wafer, a 62-year-old male was confronted in the front yard of his residence at 1202 Arizona Ave. A witness heard a gunshot, looked out a window, and observed the complainant involved in a struggle with an unknown suspect. The suspect ran from the location and the complainant died after being shot.

# South Central Division

- Beat 732 7728 Hull St., 281085-W September 20, 2009 11:00 a.m.
  - The complainant, Barbara Miles a 66-year old female and the suspect were married, then divorced, but stayed together. For the past four years the complainant became bi-polar-schizophrenic and very aggressive to friends and family. In July of 2009 she stabbed the suspect with a knife during one of her episodes. Then on September 20, 2009, she became aggressive again hitting the suspect with a stereo speaker and a glass bowl. The suspect grabbed her and put her on the floor and held her down with his knees until she passed out. He advised that he was afraid that if he let her up she would stab him again as she did before. When the complainant would not wake up 911 was called. DFD paramedics did CPR and brought her back, but she died the next morning at 7:00 a.m. at Baylor ICU. Dr. Guin of the M.E.'s office stated that he will rule this offense a homicide. This offense will be referred to The Dallas County Grand Jury.

**QUESTIONS?**