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***This week: Prowler on Charles Allen Dr. / APD seeks to identify robber / Chronic criminal back on our streets / Take Back the Streets initiative / Mailbag / Sponsors***

***Call to action:*** *Let your city council representatives and especially the Mayor know that we want the furloughs to end quickly. We will have the equivalent of 140 additional officers per day on the streets of Atlanta as soon as the furloughs end....*

#### **PROWLER WITH BURGLARY TOOLS LOCKED UP ON CHARLES ALLEN**

An APD beat officer noticed a suspicious individual coming from between two houses on Charles Allen (near 6th Street), carrying a backpack and did not look like he lived there. Upon closer inspection, the officer had probable cause to arrest him for prowling. A search of the individual's backpack turned up burglary tools.

The subject, Larry Burke (DOB 2/06/1958), has an extensive criminal history. Public records freely available online show 11 prison sentences in Georgia alone. He now has four recent entries in the Fulton County jail, and several booking records in Dekalb County. When he was arrested, he had a citation for the same offense in possession dated just a few days before. When he was arrested, he had on his person another citation for possession of burglary tools dated just a few days before. He remains in the Fulton County jail as of this publication on charges of prowling and possession of tools to commit a crime. On behalf of the Midtown community we wish to commend Officer Michael Carter for his proactive work in making our neighborhood safer!

#### **WHO IS THIS ROBBER?**

[Verbatim from APD] The Atlanta Police Department is seeking assistance from the public to help identify the suspect in photos linked below. He is wanted in connection with the bank robbery which occurred at the BB&T Bank located at 2255 Peachtree Rd. on April 27, 2009 at 9:45 am. He is described as a black male of medium dark complexion, late 30's to early 40's, 5'9" tall and 240 pounds. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers Atlanta at (404) 577-8477 or the Atlanta Police Commercial Robbery Unit at (404) 853-4255.

- ***Copy of news release with photos of suspect:***  
<http://www.midtownponce.org/news/APD20090428.pdf>

#### **FOLKS TO WATCH PUT FOR**

Donald Perry Rayfield, a chronic criminal in the area known as "Ray Ray," is out of jail again. He was serving a sentence for criminal trespassing for a burglary incident in the Virginia Highland area last year (downgraded from a burglary charge). He has been observed in the neighborhood several times since his April 22nd release. Street people tell us that he is among the worst street criminals on the Poncetown scene.

He is in and out of jail for drugs, theft, and burglary. His last jail stint was for burglarizing a place near Virginia Highland. He previously served serious prison time in South Carolina for kidnapping, so there is an extra hazard...

- ***Dossier with pictures:*** <http://www.midtownponce.org/news/dossier096.pdf>

## **TAKE BACK THE STREETS INITIATIVE**

During the month of May we are asking all residents to stop what they're doing between the hours of 8 & 9 PM and get out and walk around your neighborhood. Walk your dog, walk with spouse, or whomever...just get out and walk around your neighborhood and meet your neighbors. By doing so, everyone will feel safer because there will be so many people out on the streets that criminals will feel uncomfortable and go somewhere that is more conducive to their line of work

## **MPSA MAILBAG**

***Druggies get hosed down*** - At 1am I noticed two individuals in a parked car in front of my house snorting coke. I could see it through an open window of the car. I immediately whipped out the garden hose on the front of the house and hosed them down good. They were naturally startled and yelled an obscenity at me - I just told them to take their crap out of our neighborhood. When they tried to get a good look at me in the dark, I hosed at them again. I have done this before, and do not want my street to become a drug haven. They screeched off. It was a dark colored BMW, with a black male and a white male. I told a acquaintance active in safety about this, who suggested that a network develop a show called "America takes back its streets," modeled after *America's Most Wanted* ...

**BE SAFE AND STAY VIGILANT! *And remember, your car + your valuables = loot for a thief!***

***- Your Neighbors at the Midtown Ponce Security Alliance***

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