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Crimestoppers Increase Reward to Five-Thousand Dollars in Triple Homicide

New Orleans, LA - Members of the New Orleans Police Department are investigating the apparent shooting deaths of three known victims whose names are being withheld pending notification of family members. The offense occurred shortly before 12:30 P.M., at 2523 Pauger Street.

According to investigators, First District officers responded to a call of a “male down” and upon their arrival, found three victims lying inside of a residence suffering from apparent gunshot wounds to the body. Emergency medical technicians were summoned to the scene where the victims were pronounced dead.

Detectives learned that one of the victims was last seen Thursday, December 11, 2008, approximately 1:30 A.M., and believe that the offense occurred that same morning approximately two (2) hours later. The preliminary investigation indicates that there were no signs of forced entry and detectives do not believe that this was a home invasion. Detectives also believe that the perpetrator(s) and the victims could have been associates and may have entered the residence together.

Currently, Homicide Detectives are in the process of developing a suspect, gathering evidence and information to identify the person(s) involved in this incident, as well as a motive.

The Executive Director for **CRIMESTOPPERS**, Darlene Cusanza, has authorized the increase of the reward to **five-thousand dollars (\$5,000)**. Homicide Detective Michael McCleary is in charge of the investigation. Citizens with information that can help solve this crime are asked to call **CRIMESTOPPERS** at 822-1111, toll-free 1-877-903-STOP (7867). You could receive a **cash reward of \$5,000** for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the responsible person(s). You do not have to give your name nor testify to receive the reward.

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Officer Shereese Harper