

CRIMESTOPPERS MEDIA RELEASE

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**CRIMESTOPPERS ANNOUNCES A REWARD INCREASE
OF UP TO \$5,000**

FOR INFORMATION ON THE MURDER OF MR. DEREK LEBLANC

Crimestoppers is asking for the media's assistance to promote the increased reward in the homicide of Mr. Derek LeBlanc.

On Saturday, July 4th, 2009, at approximately 0347 hours, members of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office responded to 4501 Jefferson Hwy. near the intersection of Newman & Jefferson Hwy. in reference to a shooting incident. Deputies discovered one Derek Leblanc positioned inside of the vehicle suffering from gunshot wounds. Leblanc was transported to University Hospital and was pronounced dead upon arrival. A second passenger in the vehicle was also struck by gunfire and is expected to make a full recovery. The victims had left Lucky John's lounge located at 4401 Airline Hwy and were en route to their residence when unknown subject(s) opened fire on the vehicle. Leblanc and the surviving victim were traveling in a small gray pick-up truck at the time of the shooting.

The deceased worked as a contract laborer for the Road Home Project. Leblanc was engaged and was saving money for his wedding later in the year.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers at (504) 822-1111 or 1(877) 903-STOP. Callers do not have to give their name or testify to be eligible for the cash reward. The reward is paid upon the arrest and indictment of the suspect(s) responsible for this crime.

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