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Police Continue Investigations and Patrols in Old Town Bowie After Shooting

A shooting occurred last night (6/16/2015) at the Huntington Community Center. Because it occurred at a Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission facility, their police department will take the lead on the investigation. The investigation is ongoing and Park Police continue to pursue leads. This incident comes on the heels of a homicide that occurred on 6th Street in Old Town Bowie on June 4th which is being investigated by the Prince George's County Police Department. An arrest was made in the homicide on June 5th.

The Bowie Police Department has been looking into the area of 6th Street in Old Bowie since January of 2015. Neighbors had been complaining of disorderly behavior, noise, and drug use. Officers spoke to neighbors and conducted stops resulting in 13 Field Observation reports, 2 warrant services, and 2 drug arrests. Since March 1st there have been 85 specific area checks (mostly centered on 6th Street) and 48 traffic stops. These area checks are in addition to regular patrol. There have been two community meetings, one held on June 2nd to address ongoing problems and one on June 11th to provide an update on the homicide investigation.

In addition to these ongoing Police efforts, City Manager David Deutsch recently convened a staff working group to discuss overall issues surrounding the area of Old Bowie. The Police Department is currently contacting community leaders with a goal of creating a local working group to work in tandem with the City's to formulate a long-term strategy that reflects the needs of Old Bowie residents. The City will continue to gather our community working group and hope to have a meeting within the next couple of weeks. The Department is also assigning extra overtime units to Old Bowie nightly and will coordinate its efforts with the Prince George's County Saturation Unit.

Residents who have information that can help the Bowie Police in its efforts in Old Town Bowie or information that will aid in the homicide or shooting investigations, are asked to call one of the numbers below. Those interested in receiving notice about future meetings regarding Old Town Bowie, please register for Alert Bowie 2.0 (www.cityofbowie.org/alerts).

Prince George's County Police Crimesolvers: 1-866-411-TIPS (8477)
Maryland-National Capital Park Police Department Investigative Unit: 301-459-9088
City of Bowie Police Department Anonymous Tip Line: 301-575-2008

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