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Dear Neighbor,

Two issues will be on the ballot Tuesday, August 4, in all or part of the 36th District -- a proposed amendment to the Missouri constitution to expand Medicaid coverage in Missouri and a no tax increase bond issue in the Hickman Mills School District.

Missouri constitutional amendment 2 to expand Medicaid coverage was put on the ballot by an initiative petition drive that garnered almost 350,000 signatures. If approved, it is expected to make Medicaid coverage available to about 230,000 adult Missourians who currently have no health care coverage.

If amendment 2 passes, Missouri will join 37 other states that already have taken advantage of available federal funding through the Affordable Care Act that will pay 90% of the cost to expand Medicaid coverage to uninsured low income adults.

Medicaid expansion would help adult Missourians who make too much to qualify for Medicaid in Missouri (which has one of the most stringent income caps for Medicaid in the country) but don't make enough to afford coverage

through the health insurance exchange. Most single adults don't qualify for Medicaid coverage in Missouri.

Several states recently have expanded Medicaid through statewide votes of the people when their legislatures failed to do so. Maine voters approved expansion in 2017; voters in Idaho, Nebraska and Utah all approved expansion in 2018; and Oklahoma voters just approved expansion on June 30.

By expanding Medicaid through the constitutional amendment process, any legislative attempts to repeal or hinder expansion also would have to be approved by the voters.

The exact financial impact to state and local governments in Missouri is debatable. The ballot language notes that it is expected to decrease healthcare costs for local governments but have a one-time cost of about \$6.4 million for the state. By 2026, the ballot language estimates its financial impact will range from annual savings of about \$1 billion to increased annual costs of \$200 million or more for our state government.

Since 2014, ten rural hospitals in Missouri have closed in part due to the rising cost of providing care to indigent patients with no health insurance.

If approved, the amendment will take effect on July 1, 2021, the start of Missouri's next fiscal year.

Hickman Mills School District voters will decide on a \$30 million no tax increase bond issue to make interior and exterior improvements to the District's schools in the election.

The proposal, promoted as a zero tax increase bond issue, was approved unanimously by the Board of Education following a series of public forums to get input from community members, staff and students. It will require a four-seventh majority (57.2%) to pass.

Enough of the District's existing bond indebtedness has been paid off to allow new general obligation bonds to be issued without increasing the District's debt service levy of \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed property valuation.

A top priority of the bond issue is installing secure guided entries in

seven schools where major improvements are needed to assure all visitors are checked in before having access to students and staff. Altogether, the proposal forecasts investing approximately \$5.1 million in such improvements.

The great majority of the balance of the funds generated by the bond issue will be spent on making other interior and exterior improvements to the District's aging schools or to their outdated and inefficient HVAC systems.

Some schools have roof systems at least 30 years old, and the proposal projects investing about \$5 million for major roof improvements at all schools that are currently in use except for the relatively new Freda Markley Early Childhood Center.

At Ruskin High School, much of the HVAC system is even older, and HVAC system improvements are proposed for Ruskin and five other schools. Ruskin also is slated to get major improvements to its theater, gym and locker rooms.

Other proposed improvements at the District's schools include ceiling improvements, interior painting, parking lot & sidewalk improvements, playground artificial turf and restroom renovations

Email is probably the best way to reach my office. If you are unable to quickly reach me, my assistant [Brian Farmer](#) is ready to help you.

Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and family who might want to know the latest news about what is happening in state government and about important local events. Be safe and God bless!

Yours in Service,

Mark A. Sharp

Mark A. Sharp Weekly Capitol Report

Saturday, August 1st, 2020

Special Session on Violent Crime Convenes

This week the special session of the General Assembly scheduled by the governor to consider legislation to reduce homicides and other violent crimes that was requested by Mayor Quinton Lucas, me and others got underway.

Both Mayor Lucas and I specifically asked the governor to include legislation to establish and fund a long overdue pretrial witness protection program in Missouri in the session's agenda, and he did. (I co-sponsored this legislation in the regular session of the General Assembly.)

Senate Bill 1 sponsored by Senator Doug Libla to establish a witness protection program and enact several other anti-crime measures was heard July 28 by the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure & Public Safety Committee and is expected to be recommended for passage by the committee next week after the Senate convenes on Wednesday, August 5.

(The bill also eliminates the residency requirement for St. Louis City police and other public safety employees as long as they live within a one-hour response time to the city limits.)

Providing protection to witnesses will encourage more people to testify about murders and other violent crimes which will help take violent repeat offenders off the streets before they can harm more victims.

The House is scheduled to convene on Wednesday, August 12. One of the proposals already introduced in the House is House Bill 2 by Representative Barry Hovis which increases the penalty for tampering with a witness or victim for certain serious felonies. Currently, witness intimidation is just a misdemeanor, no matter how serious the underlying crime is. I co-sponsored similar legislation in this year's regular session.

This bill also specifies that a judge can allow written testimony by witnesses to be admissible as evidence in criminal proceedings if the judge finds a

defendant has engaged or acquiesced in wrongdoing to prevent a witness from testifying.

As we are all aware, KCMO's homicide rate is soaring. This year the city had recorded 110 homicides as of Friday, July 31, including 16 in South Patrol. This represents a 47% increase from the average number of homicides in the city by the same date for the last four years.

Hopefully, we will pass legislation in the special session that can help reverse this terrible trend!



Missouri Governor — Michael L. Parson

Office of Communications

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 31, 2020

Governor Parson Signs Executive Order 20-13 to Continue the Work of the Missouri 2020 Complete Count Committee

(JEFFERSON CITY, MO) – Today, Governor Mike Parson signed Executive Order 20-13 extending Executive Order 18-12, which established the Missouri 2020 Complete Count Committee.

Due to COVID-19, the U.S. Census Bureau extended the deadline to respond to the 2020 Census from July 31 to October 31, 2020. Originally, Executive Order 18-12 required the Missouri 2020 Complete Count

Committee to complete its work and submit a final report by August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-13 extends the committee's deadline to November 30, 2020.

The Missouri 2020 Complete Count Committee's purpose remains the same, to heighten participation and awareness for the 2020 Census and coordinate messaging and community outreach in hard-to-count areas of Missouri.

"Missouri's Complete Count Committee's mission remains a critical component in the effort to secure a fair and equitable 2020 Census," said **Governor Parson**. "Extending the deadline for the committee's work will help ensure accurate and reliable census data is collected for the state of Missouri and reinforce the importance of having every Missourian counted."

It is important to remember that participation in the census is a civic duty, just like voting. An accurate U.S. Census is fundamental to democracy and critical in determining the economic, social, and political voice of Missouri's citizens. It also ensures fair representation, funding, and investment for all communities.



VOTING INFORMATION BELOW

KANSAS CITY BOARD of ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
Serving the Voters of Kansas City within Jackson County

*Limited time parking validations are issued to voters that park in the Union Station West garage.
*Any person with a physical disability can park in the Union Station front South lot for a short time while voting.

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Check Your Voter Status & Get Your Sample Ballot

Where Do I Vote

Register to Vote

WHERE DO I VOTE? WHAT ISSUES ARE ON MY BALLOT?
Depending on what type of issues are on the ballot, your polling location may change from election to election. To find out where to vote and what you are voting on, click learn more.

[Learn more](#)

Unsure of where your polling place is? Visit www.kceb.org and use the "Where Do I Vote" tool to see where your polling place will be.

Tips to be a Prepared Voter

Make sure you know where your polling place is. Visit www.kceb.org and use "Where Do I Vote" tool to find out if you are unsure.

Look over your sample ballot. There will be a LOT on this ballot so it will be good to know what you'll be voting for before you get to the poll. You can even print your sample ballot, note your choices, and bring it with you to the poll on Election Day to help speed up your voting process. You can find your sample ballot at www.kceb.org by using the "Check Your Voter Status & Get Your Sample Ballot" tool.

Remember to bring your ID!

Remember to wear a face mask to your poll





Councilwoman Parks-Shaw & Blue Hills Neighborhood Assoc. Hosts:



FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY



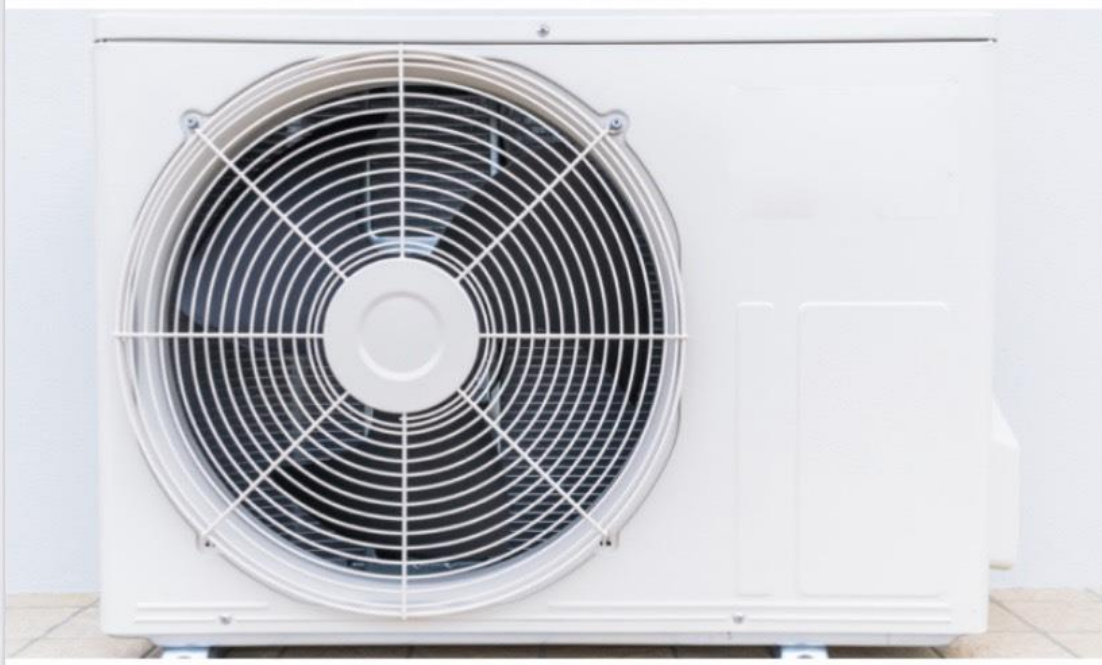
AUGUST 7TH | 2- 4PM
PARADISE BAPTIST CHURCH
1600 E 58th St, Kansas City,
MO 64110

Food donated by Harvesters



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Kansas City, MO 64133

WWW.CAAGKC.ORG

**This program is funded 83% at \$2,529,341.00 with federal funds and 17% at \$174,011.00 with nongovernmental sources for a total amount of \$2,703,352.00. The federal funds





AUGUST 29, 2020 | 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

LOCATIONS

Southeast High School, 3500 E Meyer Blvd: tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush, electronics (see price list)

Center Alternative School, 8434 The Paseo: tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items,

leaf & brush

2801 E 80th St
Tires (with or without rims), trash, bulky items, leaf & brush

ELECTRONICS PRICE LIST

- CRT monitors \$5/ea
- CRT TVs 26" or less \$30/ea
- CRT TVs 27" or greater \$50/ea

- Wood console & true big screen/projection TVs \$50/ea
- LED/LCD/Plasma TVs \$20/ea
- Any freon containing unity \$10/ea

SPONSORS

Fifth District Council Neighborhood and Housing Services Department



CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Dumpsters are available upon request, first come first serve basis. For more information, contact Robert Woods at 816-513-8442

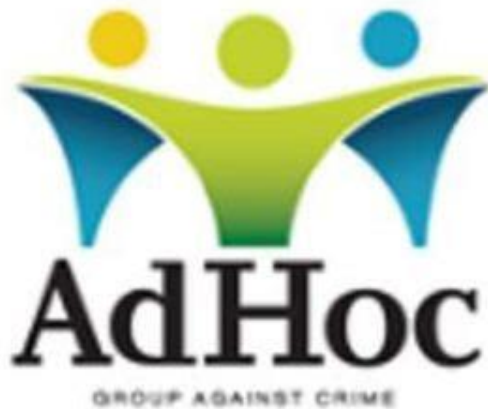


ALL STAFF WILL BE ABIDING BY SOCIAL DISTANCING POLICY AND MASKS SHOULD BE WORN



KCMO PAINT PROGRAM

The Paint Program provides free paint and supplies to qualifying homeowners who live in Kansas City, Missouri. There is no income requirement for this program.



[Free Ring Door Bells.](#)

AdHoc is proud to partner with Ring, a company whose mission is to make neighborhoods safer, to support community safety in Kansas City and provide home security devices to local residents in neighborhoods impacted by violence. Together, AdHoc and Ring have launched a program to donate 750 Ring Video Doorbells, including free installation and a Ring Protect Basic subscription for the life of the device, to families and individuals throughout Kansas City. As a result of this donation program, we hope to provide improved security to local residents living in neighborhoods impacted by violence. To learn more about this program and to apply for a donated device, visit the advice website below. <https://www.adhocgroupkc.com>



Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program

www.CAAGKC.org



Call us today to see if you qualify.

FREE 816.358.6868

Residential Weatherization Program

SIGN UP

To Get Your Home Weatherized

ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON SOCIAL MEDIA?



After home weatherization, most people realized an average energy savings of more than **\$400** in the first year.

Weatherization is funded 61% at \$1,829,892 by federal funds and 39% at \$1,190,074 by nongovernmental sources for a total amount of \$2,442,955. The federal funds are received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provided by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division, and The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and provided by the Department of Economic Development-Division of Energy (DED-DE).



LEAKSTOPPERS PROGRAM

Bridging the Gap is offering a FREE program called Leakstoppers. In partnership with KC Water, Bridging The Gap is helping income-eligible KCMO households reduce their water consumption and water bills by finding and fixing toilet leaks and installing toilet tank banks, fill cycle diverters, high-efficiency showerheads, and faucet aerators.



News from the
City Communications Office

City of Kansas City, Missouri
kcmo.gov

Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Hearings

PIAC Public Hearings

The Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC), in cooperation with the Mayor and City Council, will be holding public hearings across the city. These hearings are being held so that the Committee and Council can hear from citizens about the city's public improvements needs. The PIAC will use information gathered through the hearings to recommend projects for funding to the Council for Year Thirty- Eight (Fiscal Year 2021-22) of the one-cent sales tax for public improvements

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, PIAC is modifying the public hearing process to include a remote meeting in each district. Two hearings will be held for each district and will include one virtual meeting and one in-person meeting. The PIAC is making a full effort to ensure that all those who wish to participate in the PIAC district hearings are able to do so in a safe manner. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact PIAC@kcmo.org. Each district's PIAC representatives are also available for contact and further information. Additional information about City impacts, help, resources, and more on the City's response to COVID-19 can be found at kcmo.gov/coronavirus.

In addition to coming to the hearings, citizens can also tell PIAC about needed public improvements by completing a PIAC application request form. These forms will be available at the hearings or are available from the Capital Improvements Program by phone: (816) 513-8828 or by e-mail.

The 2020 deadline date to submit a request is August 31.

PIAC District Hearings Schedule

PIAC District Hearings will be held for each district. Meetings will accommodate a virtual option through Zoom and one meeting in each district will accommodate an in-person option. Meetings with an in-person option are identified in the schedule below. Please note that applicants and community members wishing to participate virtually (speak or show content) should do so through the video conference platform.

District Five – Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Hearings

Virtual Meeting with In-Person Option

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Southeast Community Center (gymnasium); 4201 E 63rd St

<https://zoom.us/j/98964150726?pwd=OGxVT1Z1OFc5SzIjNFBjZUxIWkt1QT09>

Password: 327522

Zoom call in option – 312.626.6799

Zoom Conference ID – 98964150726

*PIAC representatives for **District Five** are Ruth Turner and Eric Dickinson. City Council members for District Five are Lee Barnes and Ryana Parks-Shaw.*

District Six – Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Hearings

District Six– Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Hearing

Virtual Meeting with In-Person Option

Monday, August 17, 2020

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: First Baptist Church of KC Missouri – 100 W. Red Bridge Rd. KCMO 64114

<https://zoom.us/j/99993086422?pwd=emVGc0tqZGJ2RGtabmdvNVRraXZXQT09>

Password: 327522

Zoom call in option – 312.626.6799

Zoom Conference ID –99993086422

*PIAC representatives for **District Six** are Melanie K. Miller and John A. Sharp. City Council members for District Six are Andrea Bough and Kevin McManus.*

Citywide - Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Hearing

Virtual Meeting

Friday, August 28, 2020

11am- Noon

<https://zoom.us/j/92156907195?pwd=MmFudjEzMW9mUXR4Z0J3UTMrNkJVdz09>

Passcode: 609466

Zoom call in option – 312.626.6799

Zoom Conference ID –92156907195

South KC Mobile Food Pantries

With so many people out of work due to the coronavirus pandemic, a growing number of families in south Kansas City are being forced to rely on community food pantries such as Community Assistance Council's to have enough to eat.

Fortunately, Harvesters (the community food network) brings the semi-truck that serves as its mobile food pantry to four sites in south Kansas City monthly to distribute fresh produce and other healthy food to families in need. The sites are:

Evangel Church, 1414 E. 103rd St., from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month. Persons may remain in their vehicles, and food will be brought to them.

Ruskin High School, 7000 E. 111th St., from 4 to 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Vehicles should line up on Ruskin Way on the east side of the school, and food will be loaded in the vehicles when they reach the school by staff and student volunteers. This event is sponsored by the school and Community Assistance Council.

Colonial Presbyterian Church, 9500 Wornall Rd., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and food distribution running from about 8:30 to 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. Families are asked to bring two cardboard boxes for volunteers to put the food in.

Martin City K-8 School, 201 E. 133rd St., from 11 a.m. until food runs out on the third Saturday of the month. This event is sponsored by Three Trails Community church.

Truman Medical Centers has available services for Jackson County residents during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

If you are experiencing a fever, a new cough or new shortness of breath, you can call **404-CARE (2273)** and speak to a health care professional to be screened for COVID-19.



How to Wear a Face Mask Properly

Do's

A face mask can protect others around you. To protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19, remember to keep at least 6 feet distance from others, clean your hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoid touching your face and mask.



Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides



Cover your mouth, nose, and chin



Avoid touching the mask



Clean your hands before removing the mask



Remove the mask by the straps behind the ears or head



Pull the mask away from your face



Store the mask in a clean plastic bag if it is not dirty or wet and you plan to re-use it



Remove the mask by the straps when taking it out of the bag



Clean your hands after removing the mask



Wash the mask in soap or detergent, preferably with hot water, at least once a day

Don'ts



Do not use a mask that looks damaged



Do not wear a loose mask (tie a knot on straps if needed)



Do NOT wear the mask under the nose



Do not remove the mask where there are people within 6 feet



Do not use a mask that is difficult to breathe through



Do not wear a dirty or wet mask



Do not share your mask with others

Coronavirus Facts and Resources

Kansas City

If you would like to receive updates about what the City is doing in response to the coronavirus, **text COVIDKC to 888777** or go online to kcmo.gov/coronavirus

Missouri

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is operating a [hotline](#) for residents and health care providers to call for information and guidance about COVID-19.

The statewide hotline number is **877-435-8411**. The hotline is being operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**On August 4,
Missouri votes to
expand Medicaid.**





Website for Essential Companies Hiring NOW!!

Missouri faces unprecedented times due to the impacts of COVID-19. Here at the Department of Economic Development, we recognize that many of the low-income, at-risk citizens your organizations work with will be hit the hardest and be the first to lose employment. With that in mind, we wanted to direct your attention to the Missouri Now Hiring website <https://missourionestart.com/now-hiring>. Missouri One Start is connecting unemployed workers to essential companies who are staffing up to meet the increased demand for their products and services. There you will find a list of companies that are hiring right now. This site takes workers directly to the hiring/application pages of the respective companies. The list is updated on an ongoing basis, so checking back daily is advised. Please link your clients in-need to this website so our workers can make it past this situation as painlessly as possible.

UNEMPLOYMENT

How to File?

If you're eligible, you'll need the following:

1. Your Social Security number;

2. Any amount you were paid in the past week, before taxes and deductions;
3. The name and mailing address of each job you worked in the past 18 months;
4. The dates you started and ended work at each of those jobs.

If this is your first time filing for unemployment please watch [this video](#) on unemployment basics. Visit uinteract.labor.mo.gov, create an account and file your claim. If your job loss is related to coronavirus issues, make sure to check a box that says “COVID-19” in your application to waive a requirement to search for a new job amid the crisis.

Missouri provides benefits for up to 20 weeks, which can be extended to 33 weeks under the federal provisions.

The state will pay you up to \$320 per week, and the federal government will provide \$600 on top of whatever you get from the state for each week you're on unemployment prior to July 31.

Benefits can be paid within 22 days unless there is an issue with your eligibility, which on average can take 4-6 weeks to resolve.

You should continue filing weekly requests for payment even if you have not yet received benefits.

Regional Claims Center representatives are available by phone Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM by calling:

Kansas City Claims Center: [816-889-3101](tel:816-889-3101) or visit Missouri Unemployment Website

Please visit the Missouri Department of Labor's website for more information about COVID-19 FAQ's for Businesses and Workers: <https://labor.mo.gov/coronavirus>

US Department of Labor has a few sites dedicated to Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employee-paid-leave>
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions>

**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS
816-474-TIPS HOTLINE**

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at www.KCcrimestoppers.com, or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for

FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$30,000.00 in reward money. **ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.**



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