



Religious Programming

Joel Osteen – *Sunday 10:00AM and Saturday 2:00AM*

God is doing amazing things through our television ministry. We are reaching over 100 million homes in the U.S. and tens of millions more in 100 nations. Lives are being changed, relationships are being restored and communities are being transformed by the power of God and the message of hope that is being broadcast through this ministry.

Peter Popoff Ministries- *Tuesday and Thursday 1:00AM*

Although the means are different, today the ministry goal is the same: "To Minister the Good News of the Gospel around the world, to use every means possible to proclaim to the world that Jesus is Savior, Baptizer, Healer and soon-coming King. To inspire faith and love into action..." This is accomplished using several mediums of media including the Internet and Television. Peter and his family are in Crusades around the globe nearly every month and spends hours in prayer and meditation over the requests that come into this ministry. He strongly believes in prayer, healing, deliverance, prosperity, and communicating God's love for the broken hearted. He proclaims that, "God is touching hurting people around the world, and now he wants to touch you with his miracle working power." Thousands of testimonies come in each month telling how God is touching people and working in their lives. God is amazing and Peter Popoff Ministries is a vessel that is used to show God's transforming miracle-working power!



BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

Animal Outtakes

Animal Outtakes is a weekly half-hour series presenting teen viewers with amazing, unusual, and informative stories from the animal kingdom. Host Marsha Panuce visits zoos and animal sanctuaries across the United States to explore how animals are being cared for, and explain the differences between the various critters. Zoo keepers and animal experts share their stories about each animal as we follow their daily routines at each facility.

Dragonfly TV

Dragonfly TV is a weekly half-hour science television series that highlights children doing projects with hands-on experience and demonstrates the practical applications of mathematics and science. It introduces young viewers to a variety of scientific disciplines and challenges them in critical thinking and problem solving skills, while providing valuable information to reach answers. Each episode is engaging, entertaining, and educational in structure, allowing children to investigate science on their own.

Walking Wild

Walking Wild is a weekly half-hour reality series showcasing various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on the dedicated people who look after these spectacular critters. The program also gives teen viewers a unique, up-close examination of each wild animal. *Walking Wild* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.

Wild Wonders

Wild Wonders is a weekly half-hour reality series allowing teen viewers to become familiar with various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on various critters and examines their differences. The program also provides important information about each animal's living habits and includes interviews with people who care for them. *Wild Wonders* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.



ON THE HILL

FOX5 News on The Hill is a ½ live political show featuring FOX5 Political Reporters Tom Fitzgerald & Ronica Cleary, along with The Hill's Editor in Chief Bob Cusack as hosts. The show airs each Sunday at 8:30am. The hosts report and analyze the big headlines and stories from the campaign trail, along with political news from the White House and Capitol Hill.

Episodes 1st Quarter 2017:

- Sunday, January 01
- Sunday, January 08
- Sunday, January 15
- Sunday, January 22
- Sunday, January 29
- Sunday, February 05
- Sunday, February 12
- Sunday, February 19
- Sunday, February 26
- Sunday, March 5
- Sunday, March 12
- Sunday, March 19
- Sunday, March 26

1st Quarter 2017 FOX News Sunday Quarterly Report

January 1, 2017- March 26, 2017

Jan 1

Israel

Sen Tom Cotton (R-AR), Armed Services Committee/Select Intelligence Committee

Supreme Court

Leonard Leo, Trump Transition Supreme Court Advisor

Economy

Austan Goolsbee, Former Obama Economic Advisor

Steve Moore, The Heritage Foundation/Fox News Contributor

Jan 8

Trump Administration

Reince Priebus, Incoming WH Chief of Staff/RNC Chairman

Russian Hacking

Rep Devin Nunes (R-CA), Chair, Intelligence Committee

Jan 15

Trump Administration

Mike Pence, Vice President-Elect

CIA/Exit Interview

John Brennan, CIA Director

Jan 22

Trump Administration

Reince Priebus, White House Chief of Staff

Congress/GOP Agenda

Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader

Jan 29

Trump Administration

Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President

Trump/Senate Dems Agenda

Dick Durbin (D-IL), Senate Minority Whip

Feb 5

Trump Administration

Vice President Mike Pence

Trump/SCOTUS Pick

Sen Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Ranking Democrat Judiciary Committee

Super Bowl LI

Robert Kraft, Patriots Owner

Feb 12

Immigration Order/Foreign Policy

Stephen Miller, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the President for Policy

Immigration Order/Foreign Policy

Sen Ben Cardin (D-MD), Foreign Relations Committee Ranking Member

Feb 19

Trump Administration

Reince Priebus, White House Chief of Staff

Trump Administration

Rush Limbaugh, Host, "The Rush Limbaugh Show"

Feb 26

Trump Administration/Trump Address to Congress

Corey Lewandowski, Former Trump Campaign Manager/Founder, Avenue Strategies

NGA Winter Meeting/Trump Administration

Gov Scott Walker (R), Chairman, Republican Governors Association

Gov Terry McAullife (D), Chairman, National Governors Association

March 5

Trump Administration/Russia

Gary Cohn, White House Chief Economic Advisor/National Economic Council Director

Trump Administration/Russia

Sen Chris Coons (D-DE), Judiciary Committee/Foreign Relations Committee

March 12

Budget/Health Care

Sen Tom Cotton (R-AR), Intelligence Committee/Armed Services Committee

Health Care

Rep Jim Jordan (R-OH), Co-Founder, House Freedom Caucus

March 19

Budget/Health Care

Paul Ryan (R-WI), House Speaker

Russia/Wiretap

Rep Devin Nunes (R-CA), Chairman, Intelligence Committee

March 26

Health Care/Tax Reform

Reince Priebus, White House Chief of Staff

Health Care

Rep Jim Jordan (R-OH), Co-Founder, House Freedom Caucus

Iraq/ISIS

Haider al-Abadi, Iraqi Prime Minister

WTTG/Channel 5

Program Information Report



Fox 5 Morning News at 4:25am – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:25-5:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 Morning News – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:30-10:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 News at Five – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00-6:00pm and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

Fox 5 News Edge at Six – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 6:00-6:30pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

Fox 5 News at 6:30pm- A Monday through Friday rundown news program that airs from 6:30-7:00pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

Fox 5 News at Ten – A daily one hour news program that airs from 10:00-11:00pm featuring local, national and international news headlines as well as in depth local stories, investigative reports, sports and weather information.

Fox 5 News Edge at Eleven – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 11:00-11:30pm featuring local news, weather and sports.

Origination: Local

Issues addressed:

1. Crime
2. Local politics
3. National politics
4. Health
5. Education
6. Community
7. Housing
8. Transportation
9. Environment
10. Children

Fox News Sunday – A one hour weekly program, airing Sundays from 9:00-10:00am that looks at the most pressing issues of the week from the White House, Congress and Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court and various government agencies and conducts interviews with political newsmakers. Origination: Network

SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

1Q 2017

*CRIME
MARCH 2017*

Montgomery County Public Schools superintendent: 'We all take responsibility'

By: fox5dc.com staff

ROCKVILLE, Md. - Five days after two Rockville High School students were charged with the rape of a 14-year-old classmate inside the school, Montgomery County Public Schools superintendent Dr. Jack Smith held a news conference to highlight that their students are safe and the school system will continue to serve any student who walks through their doors.

The two suspects arrested in this case are 17-year-old Jose Montano and 18-year-old Henry Sanchez. They have been charged with first-degree rape and first-degree sexual offenses. According to court documents, they are accused of raping the victim inside a bathroom in the school last Thursday morning while school was in session.

Smith said there are about 160,000 students across 204 schools in the school district.

“This horrible incident shouldn't change anyone's mind that those schools are safe for our students and we work very hard and our families and our community works very hard to keep all children safe in Montgomery County,” he said.

According to Smith, Rockville High School has five security people and a school resource officer. But they are reviewing everything they do “to make sure that nothing like this can ever happen again under any circumstances.”

“I want to reassure our parents that their children are safe and that we will work vigilantly over the coming days,” Smith said. “We have been working all weekend and yesterday to look at every single aspect of our safety plan – everything we do. And we are going to put out something in the next few days, certainly by early next week, with the latest to our principals. We will make it available to our community as we review all of our safety efforts in our schools – with our school safety and security teams, with our school resource officers, with our teachers when they give hall passes to students who leave the classrooms, with our administrators. Just to up the level and sense of security across our schools and to make sure that we have covered any gaps.”

Sanchez and Montano have only been in the United States for only several months after coming from Guatemala and El Salvador just over half a year ago. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has lodged an immigration detainer on both suspects.

Their immigration status has raised alarms locally in the Montgomery County community, with Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan at the state level, and even nationally as White House press secretary Sean Spicer chimed in his thoughts on the situation.

“We do not know what anyone's immigration status is in the school system because the law says we don't collect that and we don't,” said Dr. Smith. “But of those 25,000 [students who speak another language as their first home language], some are here with different kinds of documentation and some have none. And it is wholly and entirely inappropriate for any of us, anytime, anywhere to say that we are going to deprive a 6-year-old, an 8-year-old, a 12-year-old, a 14-year-old, a 15- and 18-year-old of an education because a horrible incident happened last Thursday in one of our schools.”

The superintendent said they are following the rules of the law in allowing eligible students to attend their schools.

“We do our business by the rule of law in this country and that is what the law says,” he said. “It gives us pretty explicit information about who we should serve and we want to serve them because we know that it would not be good for any child, no matter any circumstance or characteristic, to go without an education in this society and in this community. So it's very, very important that we help all students become productive members of society and it is the requirement. Additionally, Maryland has compulsory attendance laws from age 5 to 17 this year and next year that will go to 18.”

Who is responsible?

“The student who committed the crime is primarily responsible,” said Smith. “I am responsible. All of the people who work in Montgomery County Public Schools are responsible. We all take responsibility for it. It's a terrible, horrible thing, but the student who committed the crime ultimately has to be the one who is responsible for what happened on that morning.”

LOCAL POLITICS

MARCH 2017

Corey Stewart calls for release of federal info on arrested undocumented immigrants

By: Tom Fitzgerald

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, Va. - Many cities and counties in the D.C. area have declared themselves "sanctuary cities" to oppose the President Donald Trump's moves on immigration. But the top county official in Prince William County said his administration needs to go even further and turn over crucial information they have been seeking for years.

Prince William Board of County Supervisors chairman Corey Stewart is calling on the Trump's administration to reveal information about how many people arrested for crimes in the county are still in the country illegally.

Stewart told FOX 5 police have referred more than 7,000 people to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). But so far, he said ICE will not say if those criminal suspects have been deported or have been released and remain in the U.S.

"It is important for our police department and it is important for our jail," said Stewart. "If our police see an individual who was deported and is now back in the country, it is a felony and that person should be arrested. That is why it is important for our police department."

Stewart, who is also running as a Republican candidate for Virginia governor, said his request is the same one he has been making during both administrations for President Barack Obama and President George W. Bush. He wants ICE to let jurisdictions know if they took any action on individuals who were referred to them.

But critics have said even if the county had this information, it is not clear what it would do with it. Democratic supervisor Frank Principi of the Woodbridge District is calling Stewart's immigration demands "political theatrics."

"Clearly what is motivating him is his run for governor – not what is good for Prince William County," said Principi. "If he really wanted to do what is good for Prince William County, he would support a tax increase that would get us the adequate number of police officers and sheriffs to fight crime."

Stewart's office said ICE has agreed to send a representative when the board holds a hearing on this topic.

A spokesperson for ICE responded to FOX 5's request for information saying they "are looking into the situation."

NATIONAL POLITICS

JANUARY 2017

Inauguration Day 2017: Trump sworn in as president

By: fox5dc.com staff

WASHINGTON - Under cloudy and rainy skies on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol, Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th president of the United States.

After a highly contentious election campaign with slogans of "Make America Great Again" and "Drain the Swamp," the real estate mogul turned president issued another declaration during his inaugural address: "From this moment on, it's going to be America first."

Trump was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts and took the oath of office in front of all of the living presidents, with the exception of George H.W. Bush, who was hospitalized earlier this week due to illness along with his wife, Barbara. Trump's election opponent, Hillary Clinton, was part of the dignitaries who attended the ceremony at Capitol Hill.

Trump becomes the oldest president to enter the White House at 70 years old and is the first commander-in-chief to not have held political office or served in the military.

Despite an election that seemed to have left the country divided and even led to dozens of Democratic lawmakers boycotting the swearing-in ceremony, Trump said in his 16-minute inaugural speech that his vision will give control of the United States back to the citizens.

"What truly matters is not which party controls our government, but whether our government is controlled by the people," he said. "To all Americans in every city near and far, small and large from mountain to mountain, from ocean to ocean, hear these words: You will never be ignored again."

The Trumps began the day with a prayer service at St. John's Episcopal Church before their motorcade took them to the White House. In keeping with the tradition of a peaceful transfer of power, the Trumps and the Obamas traveled together to the Capitol for the swearing-in ceremony.

After the swearing-in ceremony, Trump and his wife, Melania, bid farewell to departing President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama. The Obamas left in a helicopter from the U.S. Capitol to Joint Base Andrews, where they flew out of town for a vacation in Palm Springs, California. They will return and will continue to live in Washington, D.C. in the Kalorama neighborhood. Obama addressed staff members at Joint Base Andrews before leaving.

After signing presidential paperwork for the first time as president, Trump then attended the inaugural luncheon in the Capitol, which was also attended by Hillary Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton.

While this was happening, protests in downtown D.C. began to turn violent with police in full riot gear using pepper spray and flash bang grenades in an effort to control the crowd. Some protesters were seen throwing rocks and other objects at police, lighting trash cans, newspaper stands and vehicles on fire. D.C. police said 217 arrests were made and six officers suffered minor injuries as a result of the clashes.

After the meal, Trump along with his wife and their 10-year-old son, Barron, made their way to the presidential limousine where they were escorted along the inaugural parade route on Pennsylvania Avenue to the viewing stand near the White House to watch the event.

The Trumps attended three inaugural balls Friday night to cap the historic day.

A heavy law enforcement presence was seen in Washington D.C. beginning earlier this week crowds. On Thursday night, demonstrations turned violent when protesters gathered outside of the National Press Club in Washington D.C. to protest the DeploraBall party.

Trump arrived in D.C. on Thursday with his family and incoming vice president, Mike Pence. He laid a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery before joining supporters for an evening concert at the Lincoln Memorial.

"It's a movement like we've never seen anywhere in the world," the president-elect declared at the celebratory concert. "You're not forgotten any more. You're not forgotten anymore." he said to his supporters. The concert featured headliners including country star Toby Keith, soul's Sam Moore and rockers 3 Doors Down.

On Thursday, the National Park Service said that it was easing its "no umbrella" policy for, allowing collapsible "totes" style umbrellas along the parade route and on the National Mall.

Trump joked with campaign donors Thursday night about the rainy forecast, saying, "That's OK, because people will realize it's my real hair."

"Might be a mess, but they're going to see that it's my real hair," he said.

Information from the Associated Press used in this report.

COMMUNITY

MARCH 2017

Mayor Bowser announces new initiatives, more resources to help find missing children in DC

By: fox5dc.com staff

WASHINGTON - In light of the increased attention locally and nationally about the missing children in the District, Mayor Muriel Bowser has announced several new initiatives to improve the city's response in finding them.

Since the beginning of the year, D.C. police have been using social media, especially Twitter, to post the images of people reported missing to increase the public's attention to help locate them.

But the heightened awareness has also sparked concern that there is an increase of youngsters, especially black and minority girls, going missing in D.C. On social media, entertainment and sports figures such as Washington Wizards star John Wall, actor and rapper LL Cool J, actress Taraji P. Henson, and music artists such as Meek Mill, Nicki Minaj and P. Diddy have posted their concern about this issue.

However, D.C. officials have said there has not been a spike in missing children in the city. The following is the number of juveniles reported missing over the past several years:

2017: 501 (as of March 22)
2016: 2,242
2015: 2,433
2014: 2,222
2013: 2,067
2012: 2,610

(To view the active critical missing person cases, go to mpdc.dc.gov/missingpersons)

Commander Chanel Dickerson, who was appointed to head of D.C. police's Youth and Family Services Division, told FOX 5 that "a large number of our missing teens voluntarily leave home and they're found or located within a short time."

"One missing young person, is one too many, and these new initiatives will help us do more to find and protect young people, particularly young girls of color, across our city," said Mayor Bowser. "Through social media, we have been able to highlight this problem and bring awareness to open cases, and now we

are doing more to ensure that families and children are receiving the wraparound services they need to keep families together and children safe.”

The Bowser Administration is pushing out six new initiatives that will:

Initiative 1: Increase the Number of MPD Officers Assigned to Children and Family Services Division

MPD will increase officer staffing of the Children and Family Services Division. The newly assigned officers will share the responsibility of locating youth who have been reported missing. Additional officers may be provided through the Senior Police Officer Program, detailing of officers from other divisions, particularly officers who have previously served in this division, or the use of school resource officers.

Initiative 2: Expansion of the MPD Missing Persons Webpage and Social Media Messaging to Include Case Catalog with Broader Information

The current MPD Missing Persons website includes a tally of cases and very general information on each open case which is compiled into a Critical Missing flyer. Effective immediately, the updated MPD site will share more information about missing youth including: the circumstances of the child (abduction, parent abducted, child left home/school/other), the MPD officer assigned to the case, and more images. When the child is located, the date will be noted.

Initiative 3: Establish the Missing Persons Evaluation and Reconnection Resources Collaborative

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG), and identified community-based organizations will assist MPD with instituting a comprehensive evaluation of youth who are found or return home to assess the circumstances around their departure and to provide any additional resources/support/services necessary for the health and well-being of the child and the family.

A proposed citywide response and protocol will be created by a director level working group to serve all youth who have been reported missing and their families. This protocol will provide supports to the family while the child is missing. It will also ensure that young people and families are assessed appropriately and linked to resources that will enable successful reunification and sustainable family relationships that prevent repeat run away cases.

Initiative 4: OVSJG and CFSA Lead Working Group

OVSJG and the CFSA will lead a director level working group to analyze individual open cases, assess and analyze trends, and manage resource requests. A preliminary meeting has already taken place, and the group identified the following goals:

- develop a protocol to ensure that every runaway youth, upon return, is assessed and the reason for leaving established;*
- work on creating a process that will ensure support for families while a child is missing and services available when he/she returns; and*
- identify prevention efforts with families, schools, the Summer Youth Employment Program, and others.*

Initiative 5: DMHHS and OVSJGA Additional Grant Support for Non-Profits Addressing Runaway Youth

OVSJGA and the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services (DMHHS) will identify and promote grant funding to both advocacy and community-based organizations. DMHHS will release its latest round of Safer, Stronger DC grants, and OVSJGA will identify additional grant funding for advocacy and nonprofits with resources for runaway youth and their parents/guardians. The Mayor's Budget Office is in the process of identifying existing resources for grants that can be distributed expeditiously.

Initiative 6: PSA Announcement to Support Public Education Addressing Missing Youth in DC

The Mayor's Office of Communication and the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music & Entertainment (OCTFME) will create and promote the 800RUNAWAY hotline and website for youth and their parents/guardians through public service announcements. In addition, the OVSJG and CFSA Lead Working Group will work on identifying prevention efforts to educate young people.

On Tuesday, a letter was sent by Congressional Black Caucus chairman Cedric Richmond (D-La.) and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) calling on the Justice Department to assist police in investigating missing children cases in the nation's capital. Mayor Bowser chimed in with a letter to Rep. Richmond on Friday.

Also on Friday, Commander Dickerson held a Facebook Live event to discuss the police department's efforts in missing children cases.

HEALTH

FEBRUARY 2017

Savoy Elementary School closed Monday, Tuesday due to bed bug, rat issues

By: fox5dc.com staff

WASHINGTON - Savoy Elementary School will be shut down on Monday and Tuesday due to ongoing bed bug and rat issues, D.C. Public Schools announced in a letter to parents on Friday.

In the letter, DCPS Chancellor Antwan Wilson says the district is "committed to ensuring all students and staff are safe, and that the school environment is conducive to learning." Wilson writes that a thorough cleaning of the building will begin Friday night, conducted by DCPS and the Department of General Services. All soft materials, including rugs, cots, blankets and pillows, in the building will be removed, and Wilson writes there will be a safety and health inspection of the entire building to follow.

Students will be relocated during this time, but it was unclear where. Wilson writes that the district will update parents by 3 pm on Sunday as to the location. Parents who have concerns about their child's health are advised to call their doctor.

Wilson appeared live on FOX 5 Friday morning, and he said the issues at Savoy Elementary were extremely important to him.

"We want to make sure that the school is safe. That everyone is healthy. And, you know, I'm looking to get to the bottom of this," Wilson said during the interview.

Also Friday morning, several teachers told FOX 5 they would not report to school because of the ongoing issues. Reporter Melanie Alnwick was told the 'sick out' was not school-wide, and some teachers were reporting to work.

An emergency meeting was held Thursday regarding the reported infestation of bed bugs and rats inside the school, but outraged parents felt they got few answers. Some parents told FOX 5 they wanted the school to be closed until the issue was resolved, and many were fearful of their own homes being contaminated with bed bugs if their child brought them home from school.

HOUSING

JANUARY 2017

DC to pay out homeowners who lost homes due to tax lien sales

By: fox5dc.com staff

WASHINGTON - The D.C. government will pay out a \$1.3 million settlement to homeowners who lost their homes because of tax lien sales and foreclosures.

Many were elderly and sick and owed only a few hundred dollars in taxes.

The main plaintiff in this case is Bennie Coleman. He owned a Northeast D.C. home for 20 years, and then one day federal marshals kicked him out. He lived on the front porch of the house for five months all because he owed less than \$200 in taxes.

"It's basically the constitutional principal of it that's outrageous. That the government could come in and do something legitimate, collect a tax and some things above that, and then take everything," said William Isaacson, with Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP.

Isaacson calls the settlement a happy ending for homeowners who lost their homes through D.C. tax lien sales, but the journey to get there was anything but happy.

"What the law was imposing on them was when you fail to pay your tax, as part of the collection system they were collecting a tax, they were collecting a fee, but they were also taking and keeping all of the home equity," explained Isaacson.

A 2013 Washington Post investigation found about 500 homes were lost through these tax lien sales and foreclosures. That totaled about a third of the people who lost their homes owed less than \$1,000 in taxes.

The Legal Counsel for the Elderly also says many were also older and sick.

"In our work to helping them avoid tax sale foreclosure we came to see that the system was terribly unfair so we started talking about trying to fix the system," according to Joanne Savage, with Legal Counsel for the Elderly.

In 2014 the D.C. law was changed and now limits when liens can be sold to investors, and more importantly gives equity back to homeowner after taxes and fees are paid.

The settlement still needs the mayor to sign off on it, but property owners who lost their homes can get up to 65% of the value of their homes. There were about 21 people who were a part of the suit.

TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 2017

No more doubled fines? DC considers bill to cut late penalties on unpaid traffic tickets

By: fox5dc.com staff

WASHINGTON - The D.C. Council is considering a bill that would cut procrastinating motorists a break on their late tickets.

Right now, if you don't pay your D.C. traffic or parking ticket within thirty days, your fine doubles. A \$30 expired meter fine doubles to \$60, a \$150 red light ticket becomes \$300, and a speed camera fine skyrockets to \$600. It doesn't matter if you're only one day late, the same penalty applies.

The new bill would cut the doubled fines, but only for D.C. motorists. Drivers from Virginia, Maryland, and other places would be out of luck, and still stuck with the doubled fines. The cut would apply to tickets issued by automated traffic enforcement systems like speed cameras and for tickets involving parking and other non-moving violations.

Forty-one percent of tickets in the District weren't paid last year. The District processed 2.6 million photo-enforced and parking tickets in FY 2016, and drivers in the District racked up almost \$300 million in tickets last year.

Critics of the current late penalty say it hits poor and disadvantaged D.C. residents. They also say that the due date is not long enough and that there isn't enough time to pay tickets. The trick is that the clock starts at the time the ticket is issued—residents can lose days as a mailed ticket is en route, and the argument is that residents don't have enough time to come up with the money and send it in time for officials to receive it. The check could be on the way before the thirty days ends, but if officials don't receive it by the deadline, the fine doubles automatically.

"The doubling of traffic fines after a 30-day deadline does not improve traffic safety or engender compliance with traffic laws one whit," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's Manager of Public and Government Affairs. "The fear of doubling fines forces some drivers to pay tickets they feel they didn't deserve. But by doing so, they forfeit the right to fight or appeal the fine."

Lucinda Babers, the Director of the District DMV, warns residents not to pay any portion of the ticket if they want to contest just the late penalty: "If you receive a ticket which doubles (which means a penalty has been added), and you wish to contest just the penalty amount, you should not pay the original fine amount. Payment of any portion of the ticket is an admission of liability and prevents you from adjudicating any part of the ticket."

The bill, dubbed “The Traffic and Parking Ticket Penalty Amendment Act of 2017,” was introduced last week to the D.C. Council by Councilmember Trayon White of Ward 8, and was referred to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment.

EDUCATION

MARCH 2017

MCPS superintendent finally speaks to FOX 5 about Rockville High School rape case

By: Tom Fitzgerald

ROCKVILLE, Md. - Montgomery County Public Schools superintendent Dr. Jack Smith is finally speaking out after two Rockville High School students were arrested for the rape of their female classmate at Rockville High School.

Police have charged 17-year-old Jose Montano and 18-year-old Henry Sanchez with first-degree rape and first-degree sexual offenses. According to court documents, they are accused of raping the 14-year-old victim in a bathroom at the school.

While Smith put out a public letter condemning the sexual assault, FOX 5 has made three separate formal interview requests to speak to him. However, all of our requests were denied.

But after a three-hour wait Monday night, FOX 5 was finally able to speak with the superintendent as he left his office.

“I put out a letter last night,” said Smith. “It’s a terrible situation. It’s a horrible situation. We looked at all the information from Thursday and we handed it over to the police immediately. At this point, it is their investigation.”

FOX 5’s Marina Marraco asked Smith why a 17-year-old and 18-year-old were enrolled as freshmen at the high school.

“We have a lot of 18-year-olds in our schools,” he said. “Our student was actually in a METS [Multidisciplinary Educational Training and Support] Program for English learners and that is a program we have across the system, and so, it is not a matter of what grade they were in, but the student was in a program for English learners.”

Both of the suspects came to the United States several months ago and U.S. Immigrations and Customs has lodged an immigration detainer on Sanchez. However, Dr. Smith said the school system “don’t have any information typically about students at all and their immigration status.”

Smith said he cannot discuss any of the facts in the case due to the ongoing police investigation.

“The police and the courts will sort all of that out,” said the superintendent. “As I said in my letter last night, information will continue to come out in the coming weeks, so it is important for people, as

horrible as this situation is, not to jump to conclusions or say things that they might eventually have to rethink or take back.”

We asked Smith if parents can be assured students at Rockville High School are safe.

“We will do everything in our power to keep all students safe every day,” he said. “I have five children and four grandchildren. I understand.”

Smith continued to call the situation "horrible" and said, “My thoughts and prayers are with the girl and her family and we are offering all the support we can as they go through this situation.”

There will be a scheduled 7 p.m. PTA meeting at Rockville High School on Tuesday. Dr. Smith said he did not know if he will attend the meeting.

ENVIRONMENT

MARCH 2017

Truly fighting for a cause or professional protesters?

By: Marina Marraco

WASHINGTON - When you see groups of people marching and protesting on the streets, you might assume they are passionate and knowledgeable about their cause. But things are not always as they seem.

As teepees pop up on the National Mall in the shadows of the Washington Monument, FOX 5 set out to learn who got permission to set up their tents.

“We had help from DC Action Lab, which is a local organizing group that helps,” said Kandi Mossett of the Indigenous Environmental Network. “What we try to do is go to a local community and respect whatever protocols they have and so they worked with the National Park Service I believe and worked out everything for the permits.”

DC Action Lab bills themselves as an organization that mobilizes everything from flash street actions to coalition building. On its website, you can view some of the projects they have worked on, which includes organizing dozens of protests and sit-ins.

On the National Mall, we found there were some people supporting a cause that they were still trying to figure out exactly what they were rallying for.

“I came out here to help set up teepees and to march to the White House on Friday,” said one person.

But when we asked him about the Dakota Access pipeline, he told us, “Yeah, it’s umm, pretty much being green-lit at the moment, but what is your exact question?”

We asked another protester the particular states the oil pipeline goes through.

“I don’t know for sure,” he said. “I can tell you that it is just going through a whole lot of Native American lands it shouldn’t be going through because I understand it is a violation of treaties.”

We then asked him how long the pipeline is, he responded, “Too long.”

Another protester said he did not have a list of facts about the oil pipeline handy on him. When we asked him the same question about the states it goes through, he said, “I could say a few of them, but I am not an expert so I would probably speak to somebody who organized the event.”

It is not uncommon for scores of people to travel to the nation’s capital for causes unknown, and at times, for causes that turn violent.

DC Action Lab did not organize protests on Inauguration Day. But on this day, 230 people were arrested for wreaking havoc under the guise of protest. Of those arrested on Jan. 20, 214 of them have been indicted and formally charged with felony rioting. Of those 214 indicted, more than three-fourths of them are from somewhere other than the District of Columbia, Maryland or Virginia.

But at this ongoing protest on the National Mall that is demanding the government to back down from taking over land Native American tribes call home, FOX 5 was surprisingly told by some of the protesters that on this public federal property in the shadows of the obelisk that represents all Americans, we were not allowed to film because our photographer is a man.

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'Alarming' number of missing DC children catching attention of social media, community

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WASHINGTON - It is a story FOX 5 has been covering ever since D.C. began to raise awareness that such a staggering number of minors especially teenagers were missing in our area. Since then, the story has not only picked up our community’s attention, but it has now gained national traction.

Since the beginning of 2017, D.C. police began to publicize the name and faces of those “critical missing” – a large number of them are juveniles and females. FOX 5 was first to sit down with the newly-appointed Commander Chanel Dickerson of D.C. police’s Youth and Family Services Division, which is tasked with getting to the bottom of each case.

“I don’t know what is going on, but it is definitely a deeper issue,” said Commander Dickerson.

National media publications such as *Teen Vogue* and *Essence* are now also shedding light on the viral tweets, citing FOX 5 for its reporting on an issue some think has gone underreported.

“The numbers are alarmingly high,” said Derrica Wilson, the co-founder and president of the Black and Missing Foundation.

Back in February, Dickerson appeared to allude to the uptick in cases. But on D.C. police's Twitter account, there are multiple responding tweets from the department saying, "There isn't a spike in missing people in DC, we're just using social media more to help locate them. Sorry to alarm you."

"So to say that it is not an uptick in the number of kids that are going missing -- to see that ten children go missing within two weeks, that right there is alarming in itself," said Wilson.

Even more alarming is what could really be behind the disappearances.

"When I think about Relisha Rudd, I think that she was sold and that is a name that hasn't come up lately," said Wilson. "But I think that we really need to take a hardcore look at all these kids that are missing even though there has not been any indication that they are involved in human trafficking. I think the follow up is going to be so important to find out why did they leave."

D.C. police has told FOX 5 they are working with youth services to try to determine if in fact there is an uptick in missing children.