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**Off-Duty Officer Shot During Home Invasion/Robbery**

*Officer in Critical Condition, One Woman Killed*

At around 1:10 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2009, a nearly two year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department was shot multiple times during a home invasion/robbery. The off-duty officer was being walked to her vehicle by her boyfriend after leaving a residence in the 900 block of Hickory.

The officer and her boyfriend were approached by two armed suspects and forced back into the residence where there were six additional people inside. The suspects announced a robbery. A struggle ensued and the off-duty officer, who was not in her uniform, was shot multiple times. The 27-year-old officer was transported to a hospital with at least three wounds, two to the chest and one to the leg. Doctors are still trying to determine if she suffered any additional wounds. The officer underwent surgery this morning and is listed in critical condition.

The officer's 29-year-old boyfriend was shot in the neck. He was taken to an area hospital and remains in serious condition. A 34-year-old female, who was inside the home at the time of the incident, was shot in the chest. She was transported to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. She has been identified as Gina Stallis of the 6300 block of Juniata. There were no additional injuries to any of the remaining victims inside the residence. At this point it does not appear anyone inside the residence returned fire.

A short time after the shooting, a person matching the description of one of the shooters showed up at an area hospital with a gunshot wound to the hand. The suspect, a 16-year-old black male was treated and released from the hospital and is now in juvenile custody. A second person matching the description of the second suspect was later located in a vehicle near the Kingshighway entrance to Forest Park. The suspect is a 22-year-old black male and is currently in custody. Two weapons were also recovered as was property taken from the home during the robbery. The investigation is ongoing.

The Metropolitan Police Department extends our thoughts and prayers to our officer and all those involved in the incident.

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