



**ANC 6B June 2025 Public Safety Committee Report
for the hybrid meeting held on July 23, 2025, from 6:30 – 8:30p.m.**

Committee Chair Brian Gorman, Commissioner, 6B04

AGENDA & REPORT

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair called the meeting to order and noted the committee had a quorum. The meeting agenda was adopted unanimously.

Committee Chairperson and Commissioner Brian Gorman [6B04]

Commissioner and ANC6B Vice Chair Karen Hughes [6B09]

Frank Boudra [6B01] – alternate

Ann Keep [6B05]

Kelly Waud [6B07]

2. MPD Briefing

Captain Crist provided an overview of crime statistics and updates on specific incidents within ANC 6B.

- **Crime Trends:** There were two reported homicides, but no reported robberies, other assaults with dangerous weapons, or burglaries for June. Thefts were significantly down compared to the previous year, with 19 reported thefts and 11 reported thefts from autos (compared to 50 and 16, respectively, in June 2024). Motor vehicle theft, however, remained high across the MPD's first district and most of the city.

Incident Updates:

- **Robberies/Carjackings (800 block of E Street SE):** Extra focus has been given to this area. A recent robbery on June 22nd appeared to start as a theft from an automobile and became a crime of opportunity when victims noticed the suspects and the suspects robbed them.
- **May Incidents:** A short pattern of attempted carjackings on the 300 block of South Carolina and another on the 500 block of 7th street involved four juveniles. In one instance, the theft was abandoned when the perpetrators failed to drive a manual transmission car. Another pattern involved scooter carjackings targeting Hispanic delivery drivers, which "abruptly came to an end" after an arrest on the 13th on 8th and E streets, assisted by Marines.



- **Scooter Incident (600 block of Penn Ave):** A detective is investigating a scooter operator who hit and injured a young boy. Identification is stalled due to the rider wearing a helmet and cameras failing to capture a tag number or identifiable characteristics. MPD has bolstered enforcement in high scooter traffic areas (Eastern Market Barracks Row, Penn Ave, Chinatown, H Street), resulting in 11 impoundments and daily overtime enforcement.
- **Homicide of 3-Year-Old (1000 block of 14th Street):** An arrest was made; Charles Rucker of Southeast DC was charged with 1st-degree murder while armed. Public court records, including the arrest warrant, are available online at dccourts.gov.
- **Lincoln Park Homicide & E Street Homicide:** Both remain under investigation by the Homicide Branch, with no public information released, though a video of a person of interest on a scooter was released for the E Street case.
- **Unlawful Discharge Shooting (1200 block of G Street):** Classified as unlawful discharge, with no victims or property damage located. A news release with a lookout for three suspects was issued, but no arrests have been made.
- **Shots Fired (14th and K SE and 10th and South Carolina SE):** The 14th and K incident involved property damage, including a car being hit. Forensic evidence (shell casings, bullet fragments) was recovered and sent to trace the gun's history, but no closure has been reached. There's no indication at this point that it's related to the homicide on the 1000 block of 14th Street. As for the 10th and South Carolina Ave SE incident, MPD's shot spotter picked up shots, but it's unclear whether the incident was road rage-related between an SUV and a scooter or an attempted scooter jacking. MPD did recover some casings from this incident.
- **Challenges:** In response to a request for more resources the area around the 1000 block of 14th street, Captain Crist noted the challenge of limited officers, which impacts the ability to maintain a constant visible presence despite, officers being instructed to give special attention to problem areas. Captain Crist noted that relocating portable camera trailers is being explored. He also discussed the nexus between scooters and youth/young adult crime, with scooters offering anonymity and quick escape. Questions were raised about camera footage for crime investigations and Captain Crist noted that some businesses require subpoenas for video footage, which can delay investigations. The committed noted that ANC6B could consider requiring business to provide video footage to MPD to facilitate criminal investigations in settlement agreements.

3. **U.S. Attorney's Office Presentation by Chris Wade:**



- Chris Wade, the community outreach specialist for the 1st district, detailed the role of his office in bridging the community and the criminal justice system. He is a native of DC and retired from the DC Police Department, bringing personal experience to his work.

Three Pillars of Work:

- **Preventive Initiatives:** Conducting presentations on fraud, scams, domestic violence, and drugs in churches, schools, and various community groups.
- **Victim Assistance:** Helping victims navigate available resources within their office and with community partners.
- **Support for Returning Citizens:** Working with individuals who have committed crimes and are returning to the community, connecting them with resources to stay on a positive path. This includes providing "no paper letters" for employment purposes for cases not prosecuted.

Youth Engagement: Wade emphasized his focus on youth, particularly at the middle school level. His projects include **Project Lead** (leadership and decision-making for 5th and 6th graders) and **Youth Court** (teaching the criminal justice system through role-playing scenarios to help youth understand legal consequences). He also mentioned the 15th Annual Antiviolence Summit, which hosted 350 young people to discuss gun violence, de-escalation, mental health, and drug awareness.

Community Resources:

- **Court Report:** A monthly report detailing cases being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's office, organized by PSA, with information on violations, names, case numbers, and addresses. This allows community members to follow up on specific cases.
- **Volunteer Working Group:** This group, started in 2020, brings together federal agencies, nonprofits, churches, and mental health professionals for brainstorming and topical presentations. It connects individuals with programs and resources, such as horticultural programs for job placement.
- **Community Impact Statements:** ANC Commissioners or CAC members can submit these statements to describe how a particular crime impacted the community, which are then read at sentencing and considered by judges.
- **Listening and Individualized Help:** Wade highlighted the importance of listening to understand people's true needs, sharing anecdotes about helping a homeless man get shoes instead of belts, and connecting individuals to programs like the Goodwill Excel Center for free adult high school with daycare.



- **Partnerships and Priorities:** The current U.S. Attorney prioritizes youth in schools, attorneys engaging with the community, seniors, domestic violence, and violent crime. Wade also shared a success story of a police cadet who became an officer and then inspired eight others to join the force through community engagement.
- **Data Transparency:** The committee expressed interest in having a more searchable, on-demand database for crime data from the U.S. Attorney's office, beyond just newsletters.

4. Other Discussions and Future Initiatives: The meeting concluded with broader discussions and ideas for future action:

- **Resource Repository:** The committee is working on creating a Google Doc to serve as a repository of community resources and contacts, with hopes of making it more broadly accessible. Mr. Wade noted that he would be happy to support this effort.
- **DC Jail Funding:** There was a strong desire to send letters advocating for the restoration of DC jail funding to the next year's budget and to ensure city control over the jail, opposing private operation.