



# Mason in Motion



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# Summer Safety Tips

It's that time of year when kids are playing outside from sun up to sun down, swimming at the pool, riding bikes and playing tag in the neighborhood. Summertime should be filled with fun and laughter, not injuries. Here are some tips on how to keep your child's summer a safe one:

- Never leave children unattended near or in the water. Have adults take turns as "designated child watchers" at parties or family gatherings.
- Make sure children always wear a properly fitted helmet when rollerblading, skateboarding or riding a bicycle or scooter.
- Protect children from excessive exposure to sun; especially from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Use sunscreen of SPF15 or higher. Do not apply sunscreen to children under six months old.
- Keep children away from areas where any lawn mowers are being used. Never allow children to ride on mowers while they are being used.
- Know the plants in your yard and teach you child not to pick or eat anything without first checking with an adult. Call the **National Capital Poison Center Hotline at 1-800-222-1222** if you suspect a poisoning has occurred or to receive a list of poisonous plants.
- Keep children away from grills and bonfires and always have a fire extinguisher or at least 16 quarts of water close by in case of a fire. Only adults should use lighter fluid and matches.
- Minimize the risk of bee and insect stings by having children wear shoes and light-colored clothing. Use insect repellent sparingly on children and never on infants.



**Have a fun and safe summer!!!**

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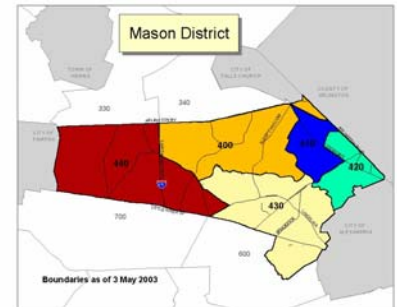
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## Milestone for Camelot Neighborhood Watch

The volunteers of the Camelot Neighborhood Watch recently celebrated an extraordinary milestone; 30 years of Neighborhood Watch patrols. On March 17, 2009, the Camelot Neighborhood Watch was commemorated for being the oldest, continuously active neighborhood crime prevention organization in the United States. Throughout the years, Camelot's program and its volunteers have been honored by the White House, The United States Congress and the Virginia General Assembly. Camelot Neighborhood Watch has attracted the attention of local and national media.

The Neighborhood Watch was started in 1979 by Paul Cevey. He was the coordinator for 12 years, followed by Dave Shoner who oversaw the program for 11 years. Frank Vajda is the current coordinator and continues the hard work and dedication that all Camelot volunteers demonstrate.

"The Camelot Neighborhood Watch continues to set the standard for the community neighborhood watches," said Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross. "I am proud that Mason District has a strong foundation of neighborhood watches."

Several members of the Neighborhood Watch were awarded for their years of service at the Anniversary celebration. Ten members were awarded and their combined years of service to Neighborhood Watch is an impressive 175 years.

### Volunteers Awarded For Their Service





## Stay Informed!

Would you like to receive the latest Fairfax County Police Department news releases and advisories? You can sign up for the new FCPD e-mail subscription service at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases>.

This is a great way to stay informed to what is going on where you live, work, and play. All those who live or work in Fairfax County are encouraged to register! Pass the word on to friends and neighbors.



## Pedestrian Safety

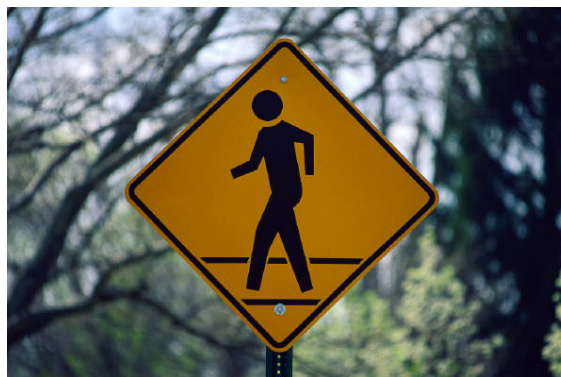
Each year pedestrians attempting to cross streets are killed in Fairfax County. Below are the laws for drivers as it relates to pedestrians. Know the law and avoid an accident.

### 46.2-924 Drivers to stop for pedestrians;

A. The driver of any vehicle on a highway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing such highway:

1. At any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of any block;
2. At any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block;
3. At any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal maximum speed does not exceed 35 miles per hour.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, at intersections or crosswalks where the movement of traffic is being regulated by law-enforcement officers or traffic control devices, the driver shall yield according to the direction of the law-enforcement officer or device. No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic. The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously. Pedestrians crossing highways at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians.



## Notable arrests:

### UPDATE – Arrest Made in Sexual Assaults

Police have arrested the man believed responsible for three sexual assaults at the Target store, located at 6100 Arlington Boulevard. On Saturday, April 18 around 3:08 p.m. an alert patrol officer made contact with a man standing near Patrick Henry Drive and Arlington Boulevard. Upon further investigation, the officer developed evidence to charge the man for the previous three incidents.

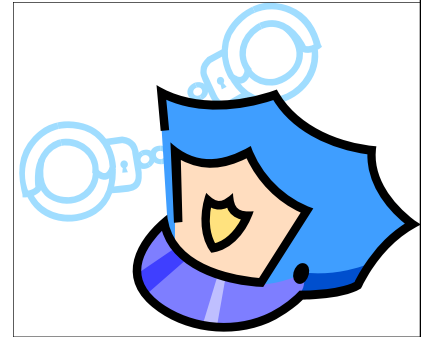
Vicente Caballero-Dimas, 22, of 3040 Patrick Henry Drive #101 in Falls Church, was taken into custody and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He was charged with three counts of sexual battery.

The arrest stems from one assault on Sunday, March 1 and two assaults on Sunday, March 8. Police would like to hear from anyone else who believes they may have come in contact with Caballero-Dimas.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.



Vicente Caballero-Dimas



### Woman Assaulted in Department Store

A 36-year-old Falls Church-area woman was allegedly assaulted as she was shopping in the Target Store located at 6100 Arlington Boulevard. On Sunday, March 8 shortly after 5:30 p.m., the victim was walking in the toy aisle and bent over to look at an item on a lower shelf. She felt a hand touch her buttocks and turned to see a man standing behind her.

The victim and an apparent witness to the assault confronted the suspect, causing him to flee from the store. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as Hispanic, in his 20s. He was approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed about 160 pounds; with black hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a blue, tank top, dark jeans and white tennis shoes.

## Trust, Tenacity and Technology Help Nab Deported Felon

There are times in an investigation when several things come together to help solve a crime and arrest a suspect. On Friday, April 3, 2009, that happened for several Mason officers. This case started back in November 2008, when a triple stabbing took place at the Glen Forest Shopping Center. Several gang members were arrested for this crime. A court hearing for one of the suspects took place on April 3, 2009. As a result of witness testimony, the case was set for trial in the Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Later that afternoon, a witness who testified in the hearing called a Fairfax County gang detective in a panic. He said he was being chased in Culmore by a group of gang members wielding a machete. The gang detective contacted Mason patrol units and passed the information on. These officers immediately responded to the area and began to look for the suspects. One suspect was seen running into an apartment building. The suspect was located hiding behind a bathroom door.

While interviewing the suspect, he gave several different names to the officers, and was vague about where he lived and what he was doing in the area. An officer had a Mobile Automated Fingerprint Investigative System (AFIS) unit with him. The Mobile AFIS unit is a portable device that allows officers to compare someone's fingerprints or photograph against ones in the AFIS database. This database contains information from arrests in the Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. area. The suspect's fingerprints were run through the system and the information they got back was surprising. The suspect they had in custody was a previously deported felon. Leonel Ramirez, of 6040 Bellview Drive, Falls Church, Virginia, had been deported to Guatemala in 2006 and returned to the United States soon after his deportation, living in the area ever since. As a result of this incident he was arrested on numerous charges to include gang participation and brandishing a machete. Ramirez is currently being held at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer has been placed on him. He will face deportation proceedings once this case is resolved in the Fairfax County Court System.

Through the trust that the victim had for the gang detective, the tenacity of the patrol officers in searching for the suspects and the technology of the Mobile AFIS unit, a dangerous felon was arrested and taken off the streets.



**Leonel Ramirez**



**Mobile AFIS Unit**

### Fairfax County Community Crime Statistics Information Line

**703 – 246 – 7932**

This phone number can be used to request crime statistics for any neighborhood within Fairfax County. Callers will be asked to leave full contact information, requests will be filled within 5-7 business days and limited to two (2) requests per week.





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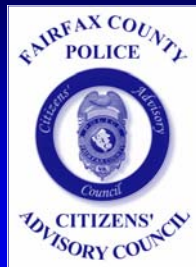
### CAC

*Join us every first  
Tuesday of the month for  
the CAC Meeting held in  
the **Large Conference  
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*Next meeting*

*September 1, 2009*

*No meetings in July or August*



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