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Fallen Officer to be Honored With Street Dedication
Portion of South Kingshighway named for Det. Gregory J. Erson

The Metropolitan Police Department of the City of St. Louis will join the family of the late Detective Gregory J. Erson as a portion of South Kingshighway is named in his honor. A dedication ceremony will take place Saturday, March 21st, 2009, at 1 p.m. at Redeemer Church located at 6450 South Kingshighway. The 6200 to 6400 Blocks of South Kingshighway will officially be named "Gregory J. Erson Boulevard."

On June 19, 1980, Detective Erson was working undercover to combat prostitution in the Midtown area. Detective Erson made six arrests that night, but later other officers discovered he had been shot while sitting alone in his unmarked vehicle. He was rushed to a hospital where he later died. He was 29 years old.

Detective Erson was an eight-year veteran of the Department. He left behind a wife and two children. His daughter is currently a civilian employee of the Department.

Reporters and still/video cameras are encouraged to attend.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department,
What: Dedication of "Gregory J. Erson Boulevard"
When: Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 1 p.m.
Where: Redeemer Church, 6450 South Kingshighway

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