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Metropolitan Police Solicit Tips In First Homicide of 2009 *Cash Reward Being Offered for Tips that Lead to Arrest and Conviction*

Today Metropolitan Police urged the public to contact Crimestoppers with any information regarding the homicide of Terry L. Darris. On January 8th, Mr. Darris was with friends from his motorcycle club in the 2900 block of Locust when his car alarm began sounding. Mr. Darris went outside to check on his vehicle. Witnesses heard arguing followed by the sound of gunshots. Mr. Darris was shot twice in the back. He was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. The suspects, three black males, were last seen in a dark colored, possibly black 2-door vehicle.

In a written statement, the Darris family said: "Terry was a loving son, brother and uncle. He had a giving spirit, a big heart and many friends. Terry's passion was supporting crime victims. He wanted to make a difference. He would be proud to know that even though he's gone, he continued to make a difference by inspiring St. Louisans to step up for peace, and give any information they have to police so we can begin 2009 in a city-wide effort to end violent crime."

Mr. Darris was an avid motorcycle rider who often used his bike in displays of compassion. He often organized motorcycle riders in support of crime victims. Members of Mr. Darris' motorcycle club have started a cash reward fund. Anyone with information in the homicide of Terry Darris is urged to contact Crimestoppers at 1-866-371-TIPS. Crimestoppers does not use Caller ID and all callers can remain anonymous.

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