

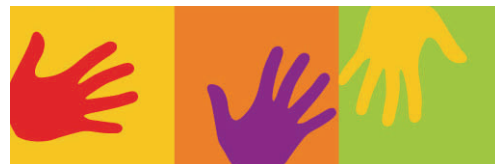
## February is Black History Month

In 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Rev. Jesse E. Moorland co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). Their goal was to research and bring awareness to the largely ignored, yet crucial role black people played in the history of America - and across the world. Woodson also worked to dispel popular mistruths, as well as to educate black people about their cultural background and to instill them with a sense of pride in their race.

Through these founding efforts, the Civil Rights Movement, the Black Power Movement, and many other efforts to instill racial pride, push for equal treatment, and promote the significance of collective culture values and the contribution to our nation made by people of African descent, America and Canada recognize Black History Month during the entire month of February. February was chosen because it honors the birth of two famous men whose actions dramatically changed the future of black Americans - Abraham Lincoln (the U.S. President who issued the Emancipation Proclamation; he was born on February 12th) and Frederick Douglass (one of the nation's leading abolitionists; he was born on February 14th).

For local Black History Month events, check with the Merriam Library, businesses in the Historic Kansas City Jazz District at 18th and Vine, local schools, and others.

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### **Crime Tip:**

**Cruel actions against people that include things like calling names or using physical violence against someone based on his or her gender, sexual orientation, religion, race, etc. are called bias or hate crimes. They can affect people of all ages. People in the criminal justice field work hard to prevent and stop these types of crimes. If you have a concern about a matter related to hate or bias crimes, please contact the police.**

# Crime Statistics

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## From January 16-31, 2010

### **Warrant Arrests:** 47

#### **DUI Arrests:**

- 1000th Block of W. 75th Street
- SM Parkway & I-35
- 8300 Block of W. 63rd Street
- 75th & I-35

#### **Traffic Accidents:**

Please drive without distractions...save cell phone calls and texting until you get to your destination.

- 50th Terrace & Merriam Drive
- 75th Street and I-35
- 54th Terrace & Antioch
- SM Parkway & Mastin (hit and run)
- Johnson Drive & I-35
- 67th Street & I-35
- Johnson Drive and Perry Land
- 8800 Block of Antioch (hit and run)
- SM Parkway & Robinhood Lane
- 8800 Block of Johnson Drive
- 1000th Block of W. 75th Street
- 9100 Block of SM Parkway
- 67th Street & I-35

#### **Residential Burglary:**

- 9600 Block of W. 61st Street - stolen flat screen TV, camera, computer
- 7200 Block of Eby - stolen iPods & \$150

#### **Suspicious Activity:**

- 5400 Block of Farley - homeowner noticed 2 males looking in his back window; suspects took off running

#### **Damage to Business Property:**

- 5500 Block of Merriam Drive spray painting on 2 businesses
- 6200 Block of Slater - graffiti
- 6200 Block of Mastin - 5 tires slashed
- 5700 Block of Merriam Drive - keyed auto
- 9300 Block of W. 53rd Terr. - graffiti

#### **Theft (Business):**

- 8800 Block of SM Parkway - diner left without paying
- 9500 Block of W. 62nd Street - stolen AC Unit
- 8700 Block of Johnson Drive - 15 stolen propane tanks
- 8700 Block of W. 63rd Street - theft of over \$1,000 (suspect apprehended)
- 1000th Block of W. 47th Street - stolen copper
- 5800 Block of Antioch - fake checks used by customer
- 8700 Block of W. 63rd Street - stolen tool box (valued at \$350)
- 7400 Block of W. Frontage Road - power tools stolen from storage unit

#### **Aggravated Robbery:**

- 8800 Block of SM Parkway - Taco Bell (\$250 stolen)

#### **Criminal Trespass (Business):**

- BNSF Railroad property (note: please abide by all "no trespassing" signs you see posted while walking, bicycling, etc.)

#### **Theft:**

- Elderly victim scammed of \$1,120 by telephone caller requesting money to secure "lottery winnings"
- Lost wallet - credit card later misused in Kansas City, MO (note - if you lose your wallet, please report your bank and credit cards as missing to the appropriate agencies ASAP)

#### **Auto Burglary/Damage:**

- 9800 Block of W. 62nd Street - autos broken into; purses stolen
- 6300 Block of Craig - broken window & tools stolen (valued at \$650)
- 10000th Block of W. 49th Place - attempted theft of auto; \$900 worth of items were stolen

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## Auto Burglary/Damage, continued:

- 3 • 10000th Block of W. 49th Place - \$500 worth of stereo & video equipment stolen
- On the evening of January 20, tires were slashed on 4 autos (5900 and 6000 Blocks of Knox and 9600 Block of W. 61st Street)
- 5000 Block of Perry Lane - \$50 of stereo equipment stolen
- 6800 Block of Antioch - stolen stereo
- 4800 Block of Perry Lane - back window shot out with BB gun
- 7300 Block of Kings Cove Drive - attempted theft; damaged steering column
- 9400 Block of W. 48th Street - cell phone and cash stolen
- 9800 Block of W. 51st Street - stolen key and tools
- 9800 Block of W. 47th Street - stolen tools, welding tanks, refrigerant
- 5700 Block of Merriam Drive - stolen hood ornament; damage to vehicle
- 6400 Block of E. Frontage Rd. - stolen air compressor & air tools
- 5800 Block of Kessler - stolen radio, GPS, credit card
- 5500 Block of Antioch - stolen iPod and stereo
- 6100 Block of Merriam Drive - slashed tires

## Auto Theft:

- 1998 Chevy van (6500 Block of Goodman) - recovered in KCK Jan. 21
- 1990 Ford Bronco stolen on Jan. 13 was recovered in KCK Jan. 21
- 2003 Honda Civic stolen Jan. 11 was recovered in Shawnee Jan. 21
- 1997 Honda Accord (9400 Block of W. 75th Street (later recovered)

## Possession of Controlled Substance:

- 9000 Block of SM Parkway

## Possession of Drug Paraphernalia:

- 5700 Block of Antioch

## Important Things to Know about the 2010 U.S. Census

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, to avoid becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address, including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? The BBB offers the following advice:

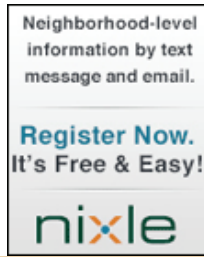
- If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, he or she will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see his or her identification and badge before answering any questions. Keep in mind that you **should never** invite anyone you don't know into your home.
- Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information...so, do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. **Remember, no matter what the workers asks you, you only need to tell him/her how many people live at your address**
- While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **you don't have to answer anything at all about your financial situation.**
- The Census Bureau **will not** ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will Census employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is **NOT** with the Census Bureau.
- And remember, the Census Bureau has decided **NOT to work with Acorn** on gathering this information. **No Acorn worker** should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau. Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau **will not contact you by Email**, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. **Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.**

For more information on the U.S. Census you can go to [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov)

This information from:

<http://local.nixle.com/alert/1047071/>

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The Merriam Police Department is trying to contact you...not because you're in trouble, but because there are times when something important is going on in the Merriam community that you need to know about as soon as possible.

It's free and it's easy to sign up for "Nixle", the service that lets you get these important news via text messages & emails. Sign up now at:  
**<http://local.nixle.com/register/>**

Whether you work, live, go to school, hang out with friends, shop, dine, or have family and friends in Merriam...Nixle is for you. **Don't receive today's pressing news tomorrow!**

## Why a Crime Bulletin?

### The Merriam Police Department operates under the "Community Policing Philosophy"...

This means we are committed to providing the highest quality of police services by partnering with you - the citizens of our community. Together, we work as a team to maintain a high quality of living in Merriam, keeping it a safe place to be. This crime bulletin lets us share information with you, helping us reach these goals. We hope you forward this to others who will find it interesting and useful!

The Police Department asks you to report any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1. Go to:  
<http://www.merriam.org/MPD/Patrol/report-a-crime.htm> for ways to report non-emergency crimes.



You can now subscribe to get the Merriam Police Department's crime bulletin sent directly to your email inbox!!

**Sign up on the home page of the website at:**

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