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DISTRICT BRIEFING

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SUPERIOR COURT

92 Held in Contempt for Missing Jury Duty

The chief judge of [D.C. Superior Court](#) cited 92 District residents yesterday for contempt of court because they failed to show up after registering for jury duty.

Judge Rufus G. King III issued warrants requiring them to come to the courthouse to face the charge.

The jury prospects had failed to report to court when called for duty and when called for hearings to explain their absences.

If police catch any of the 92 before they appear in court, they could be arrested and jailed until they are called before a judge. Failure to appear for jury duty is punishable by up to \$300 in fines and seven days in jail.

-- [Keith L. Alexander](#)

ADAMS MORGAN

Political Blogger Shot in Robbery Attempt

Liberal political blogger Brian Beutler, 25, was shot and wounded early yesterday during a robbery attempt in Adams Morgan, police and friends said.

He is recovering at a hospital from gunshot wounds to the shoulder and spleen.

Beutler, 25, is a Washington correspondent for the Media Consortium, a network of progressive, independent journalism organizations, said Tracy Van Slyke, director of the group.

Police said Beutler and a friend were accosted by two people, one of them armed, about 2 a.m. in the 1600 block of Euclid Street NW. The friend was not hurt, and the assailants escaped without taking anything. Police have made no arrests in the case.

-- [Allison Klein](#)

NORTHWEST

Bomb Scare Closes Streets Near World Bank

Several streets around the [World Bank](#) headquarters were shut down for more than three hours yesterday when a man claimed he had explosives in his backpack, D.C. police said.

The man walked into the World Bank, in the 700 block of 18th Street NW, at 12:45 p.m. and made threats to

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a security officer, officials said.

The World Bank quickly locked down its headquarters and police closed nearby streets.

Authorities determined that the man did not have explosives and took him into custody. Streets were reopened about 4:10 p.m.

-- Allison Klein

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