

NATION

Abuse of native women targeted

By Michael Balsamo and Felicia Fonseca

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PABLO, Mont. – U.S. Attorney General William Barr announced a nationwide plan Friday to address the crisis of missing and slain Native American women as concerns mount over the level of violence they face.

Barr announced the plan, known as the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Initiative, during a visit with tribal leaders and law enforcement officials on the Flathead Reservation in Montana.

Native American women experience some of the nation's highest rates of murder, sexual violence and domestic abuse. The National Institute of Justice estimates that 1.5 million Native American women have experienced violence in their lifetime, including many who are victims of sexual violence. On some reservations, women are killed at a rate more than 10 times the national average, federal studies have shown.

The Justice Department's new initiative would invest \$1.5 million to hire specialized coordinators in 11 U.S. attorney's offices across the nation with significant Indian Country caseloads. The coordinators would be responsible for developing protocols for a better law enforcement response to missing persons cases.

Tribal or local law enforcement officials would also be able to call on the FBI for additional help in some cases of missing indigenous persons. The FBI could then deploy some of its specialized teams, including investigators who focus on child abduction or evidence collection and special agents who can help do a quick analysis of digital evidence and social media accounts.

The Justice Department also committed to conducting an in-depth analysis of federal databases and its data collection practices to determine if there are ways to improve the gathering of information in missing persons cases.

"This is not a panacea," Barr told tribal council members. "This is a step in the right direction, but we have a lot more work to do working together."

Tribal members welcomed the extra resources but questioned how far the money will go.

"This is stuff we've been advocating for, it's just funding a slice of it," said Amber Crotty, a lawmaker of the Navajo Nation.

She said tribes are looking to the federal government to fund advocates who can greet families of victims, relay information from law enforcement and provide training. She said tribal communities have resorted to organizing their own search parties because they sometimes get little or no response from law enforcement.

A report released last year by the Urban Indian Health Institute said there were 5,712 cases of missing and murdered indigenous girls in 2016 but that only 116 of those cases were logged in a Justice Department database. That study is limited in scope, however.

The report by the Seattle nonprofit reflected data from 71 U.S. cities not on tribal land. Researchers said they expect that their figures represent an undercount because some police departments in cities with substantial Native American populations didn't respond to records requests or Native Americans were identified as another ethnicity.



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Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <https://www.ridemetroapp.org/procurement/>. If you are unable to download the documents or are having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881.

Request for Proposals RFP 19-07
Information Technology - Managed Services
The Harris County Housing Authority ("HCHA") is requesting qualifications and proposals from interested vendors (Offeror) to provide comprehensive **Information Technology - Managed Services** for the HCHA's Central Office Information Technology equipment, network, and software located in Houston, TX. **Proposals Due:** December 18, 2019, at 2:00 PM. **Proposal Submission shall be submitted electronically to:** Horace Allison, CEO horace.allison@hchatexas.org. **RFP 19-07** will be posted on and can be downloaded from HCHA's website www.hchatexas.org, beginning November 20, 2019.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is developing a District Level Framework aligned to the Effective Schools Framework (ESF). TEA in coordination with the Education Service Center (ESC) Region 13 is requesting proposals from vendors with experience developing improvement frameworks for state interventions. The vendor will facilitate among stakeholders the development of a complementary district-level framework aligned to the ESF. Due date for proposals is Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 12:00 pm (CST). The RFP will be released Monday, November 20, 2019 at <https://www4.esc13.net/rfp/>. For questions please contact rfq@esc13.txd.net.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, TX (METRO), will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 12 noon to receive public comment regarding proposed February 2020 changes. The proposed service changes include: Realignments to routes 5, 20, 283 and 292; schedule changes to routes 4, 5, 8, 11, 25, 27, 40, 45, 47, 49, 63, 82, 87, 98, 102, 214, 217, 222, 265, 297, 298 and 344; implementation of new route 433 METRO Rapid Uptown; and the discontinuation of route 33. Copies of proposed route maps and available timetables will be available Tuesday, November 19, 2019, for public review online and at the following location:

METRO Administration Building - 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX, 77002 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays.
The public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at noon will be held in the 2nd floor Boardroom at 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX (served by METRO routes 6, 11, 32, 44, 51, 52, 54, 82, 85, 102, 137, 160, 161, 162, 249, and METRO Rail).

HOW TO COMMENT ABOUT THE SERVICE CHANGES

- Attend the public hearing on December 3, 2019.
- Write us at METRO, ATTN: February 2020 Service Change, 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002.
- Fax comments with a subject line referencing "February 2020 Service Change" to (713) 652-7956.
- Call METRO's Customer Care Line at (713) 635-4000.
- Submit comments at METRO's website - RideMETRO.org. Comments should be received by METRO no later than the date and time of the public hearing.

HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Support services or copies of public documents in an alternate format can be provided for individuals with disabilities. For persons with a hearing impairment, please call (713) 750-4271 a minimum of five (5) working days prior to the public hearing.

LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION
Any person who requires language interpretation or special communication accommodations is encouraged to contact METRO Public Affairs at (713) 739-4018, or via email at METROPublicAffairs@RideMETRO.org. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate your needs.

This public hearing conforms to requirements described in the Federal Transit Administration's Circular 9030.1D, published May 1, 2010, page IV-13.
2. METRO does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or in treatment or employment in, its services, programs, and activities.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO)

CITY OF STAFFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the City of Stafford Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, Stafford City Hall, 2610 South Main, Stafford, Texas and before the City Council of the City of Stafford, Texas on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, Stafford City Hall, 2610 South Main, Stafford, Texas for the purpose of receiving testimony for and against the following:

An ordinance amending Chapter 102 of the Code of Ordinances, the same being the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, to rezone +/- 13.38 acres of land from the PC, Primary Corridor Zoning District to RCT, Residential, Commercial and Technology District for the subject property located at 10225 Mula Road, Stafford, TX.

All residents of the City of Stafford and other interested parties are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to be heard.

/s/ Tomika Lewis
City Secretary

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Sealed Bid Solicitation #HT06-20

Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments

Cooperative Purchasing Program

Medium And Heavy Trucks & Truck Bodies

Pre-Bid Conference: 12/05/19 @ 9 am

Response Deadline: 01/22/20 @ 1pm

Public Opening: 01/22/20 @ 2pm

3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX.

Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24 hour prior notice.

713-499-6693 or www.hgacbuy.org for info.

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CAUSE NUMBER: 49D15-1909-JC-002267

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

VS:

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF MARION

IN THE MATTER OF:

TM (152398) DOB 4/19/2013 AGE 6 years

A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE:

A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES

AND

KIMBERLY NICOLE BEARDSLEY (MOTHER)

JUAN RIVERA (ALLEGED FATHER) AND

ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS

TO: Juan Rivera and

Any Unknown Alleged Father

Whereabouts unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as

Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Marion Superior Court, 2451 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218, 317-327-8318 for a(n) Default Hearing on 1/17/2020 at 1:30 PM in JUVENILE COURT ROOM 07, ANNEX A said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default, may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

/s/ Myla A. Eldridge
Ordered, Myla Eldridge
Clerk of said Court, this 11/14/19

Sylvia S. Chambers, 32538-49
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
4150 N. Keystone Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46205
Fax: 317-542-1323
Work: 317-968-4300

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CAUSE NUMBER: 2019-51756

IN THE 55TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Plaintiff: THE VETERANS LAND BOARD OF THIS STATE OF TEXAS

vs. Defendant: CARLSON, CARL J AND CALLIE L CARLSON AND THE HEIRS AT LAW OF CARL J CARLSON (DECEASED)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Harris
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been served. You may employ an attorney or, if you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation a default judgment may be taken against you"

To: HEIRS AT LAW OF CARL J CARLSON (DECEASED) ADDRESS AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to be and appear before the 55TH Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas in the County Courthouse in the city of Houston, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. Monday, the 23RD day of DECEMBER, 2019, being the Monday next after the expiration date of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby commanded and required then and there to appear and file written answer to the PLAINTIFFS ORIGINAL PETITION, filed in said Court on the 29TH day of JULY 2019, in a suit numbered 2019-51756 on or before the said day of court, wherein the VETERANS LAND BORD OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, Plaintiff(s) and HEIRS AT LAW OF CARL J CARLSON (DECEASED), Defendant(s), the nature of plaintiff's demand and the said petition alleging: QUIET TITLE

SYNOPSIS:
The Petition seeks an order to foreclose the lien on the property and assert a claim to the property located at 2510 Atascocita Road, Humble, TX 77346 and legally describes as: LOTS FOURTEEN (14) AND FIFTEEN (15), OF ATASCOCITA SHORES, SECTION FOUR (4), A SUBDIVISION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 255, PAGE 59 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

Notice hereof shall be given by publishing this Citation once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to the 16TH day of DECEMBER 2019, in some newspaper published in the County of HARRIS, if there be a newspaper published therein, or if not, then the nearest county where a newspaper is published, and this Citation shall be returned on the 23RD day of DECEMBER 2019, which is forty two days after the date it is issued, and the first publication shall be at least twenty-eight days before said return day.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court on said return day this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

WITNESS: Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk, Harris County Texas

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Houston, Texas this 04th day of NOVEMBER, 2019.

Newspaper: **THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE (SEAL)**

MARILYN BURGESS, District Clerk

Harris County, Texas

201 Caroline, Houston

Texas 77002

P.O. Box 4651, Houston, Texas 77210

By/s/w/sda Chambers

CHAMBERS WANDA

Deputy District Clerk

Issued at the request of:

TAYLOR, KEITH A

Address: 13105 NORTHWEST FRWY, STE 1200,

Houston, Texas 77040

Bar Number: 24088511

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Competitive Sealed Proposals addressed to Spring Branch Independent School District, ATTN: Director of Purchasing will be received electronically in the SBISD Purchasing Services Department, 1031 Witte Rd. Bldg. T-1A, Houston, TX 77055

JANUARY 22, 2020 @ 2:00 PM FOR: FIREWALL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (14014)

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DECEMBER 4 @ 1:30 PM at the Purchasing Services Department, 1031 Witte Rd. Bldg. T-1A, Houston, TX 77055

Proposals will be publicly opened and read at 1031 Witte Rd. Houston, TX 77055, immediately following the deadline for the receiving of the proposals.

For information contact the SBISD Purchasing Department at (713) 251-1102

Proposers may register on IonWave website at: <https://springbranchisd.ionwave.net/>

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Galena Park Independent School District (GPISD) is requesting Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP 20-203) for Administration Building HVAC Upgrades at 14705 Woodforest Blvd. (Project #1061). Proposals are due on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 10:00 am CST** in the main lobby of the GPISD Administration Building, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015, at which time and place the Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud. A Proposal Security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the proposal amount is required. The scope of work includes replacing five roof mounted air handling units.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the **GPISD Administration Building, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 10:00 am CST.** Attendance is highly recommended.

Contract Documents will be available on November 18, 2019 at isqft.com and virtualbx.com. Proposers may also obtain additional documents, at their cost, from ABC Imaging, 4902 Richmond Avenue, Suite C, Houston, TX 77027.

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