Rewards Posted in Two Newark Homicide Cases

Newark – Law enforcement authorities today posted cash reward offers for information that leads to arrests in two unsolved Newark homicides.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that the Crimestoppers program will pay up to $5,000 for details surrounding the separate shooting deaths of Shawn Hall and Kenneth McLean.
Sheriff Fontoura said that Hall, then age 19, was struck by gunfire from a passing vehicle as he stood on the sidewalk at 413 South 19th Street at approximately 7:30 p.m. on March 11, 2012. At the time of the shooting, Hall was conversing with his mother who sat in her parked car. The victim’s mother was also struck by the gunfire.

Persons with information about the murder are urged to contact Detective Phillip Gregory of the Essex County Prosecutor’s Homicide Squad at 973-621-4586 or 973-349-4117.

The sheriff added that a cash reward is also available in the shooting death of Kenneth McLean who sustained a fatal gunshot wound in the area of 741 Clinton Avenue at approximately 12:15 a.m. on January 1, 2012. The victim had just left the Chicken House which is located at the intersection of Clinton Avenue and South 15th Street.

Prior to the shooting, McLean was confronted by an unknown individual who attempted to rob him. During an ensuing struggle, three shots were fired at McLean.

Police believe the gunman may have been casing the Chicken House and a nearby ATM machine on a mountain bicycle.

Persons with information about the McLean murder are urged to contact Detective Anthony Iemello of the Prosecutor’s Homicide Squad at 973-621-4590 or 877-847-7432.

All calls to law enforcement will be kept confidential.