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“SAFE COP PROGRAM”

# Press Release

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## **\$10,000 SAFE COP REWARD**

**MORGANVILLE, NJ, FEBRUARY 24, 2015:** Executive Director Joseph Occhipinti announced the payment of a \$10,000 Safe Cop cash reward to a senior citizen whose critical information and trial testimony led to the arrest and conviction of Jahmell Crockham who killed Lakewood NJ Police Officer Chris Matlosz on January 14, 2011.

According to Lakewood Police Lieutenant Detective Steven Allaire this courageous citizen whose identity is being withheld for security concerns was instrumental in securing the defendants arrest and conviction.

According to Executive Director Occhipinti, “This citizen is truly an American hero whose many sacrifices that included being placed in the state witness protection program that resulted in a

financial loss and psychological toll on his family. This hero deserves a valor award for not being intimidated for one moment by this career gang member and assuring that truth and justice prevailed in convicting a cop killer".

The Safe Cop program is a congressionally recognized law enforcement initiative of the National Police Defense Foundation that posts up to a \$10,000 cash reward for public information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who shoots at a law enforcement officer, anywhere in the United States.

Over the past two decades, the Safe Cop program has been instrumental in the arrest and conviction of numerous defendants who either shot or killed law enforcement officers nationwide, some of which included Orange Police Officer Joyce Carnegie and Paterson Police Officer Tyrone Franklin.

The National Police Defense Foundation plans to meet with legislative leaders in New Jersey to discuss the introduction of legislation that will reimburse citizens who enter the witness protection program and incur financial losses in their relocation.

For further information, contact the National Police Defense Foundation at 888-SAFE COP or 732-616-9600.

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