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CEO Offers \$5,000 Reward in Assault on Division 5 Manager

- Seeks arrest and conviction of two assailants
- Extra security measures in place

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(Aug. 13, 2004) CEO Roger Snoble has authorized a \$5,000 reward for information that would "lead to the arrest and conviction of the assailants" who attacked the transportation manager at Arthur Winston Division 5 earlier this week.

Two unidentified men entered the transportation building, Wednesday, and burst into the office of Michael Williams-Carr. They beat him, leaving him unconscious.

Williams-Carr, 44, was transported to an area hospital with facial injuries, but later was released. He returned to work on Thursday. Williams-Carr has been employed by Metro since March 2003.

A Metro Security officer has been assigned to the Arthur Winston Division to ensure building security and to challenge strangers.

Since Wednesday's incident, two assistant transportation managers – one at Division 5 and one at another division – have received telephone threats. Additional security also is being provided for these employees.

'Very aggressive' investigation

"We're going to be very aggressive in pursuing every aspect of this case," said Snoble. "We're not going to tolerate this kind of behavior."

Sheriff's Lt. Leo Norton said Transit Services Bureau investigators are reviewing videotapes and contacting witnesses in hopes of identifying suspects in the assault on Williams-Carr and the threats against the other two employees.

The CEO said Metro plans to expand the security camera network to include more areas around the operating divisions. Grant money is available to install video surveillance systems.

In a memo to the Board of Directors, Snoble said a reward program policy has been drafted for presentation to the Board in September. The policy would establish guidelines for offering rewards for information about crimes against Metro employees or property.