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Warehouse Break in: Seven Dead, Two wounded

Washington, D.C. — 9/26/2022 — Yesterday evening, September 25, 2022, there was a break-in at the Hands of Mercy’s distribution warehouse located in Washington D.C. A lone unidentified gunman entered the facility injuring two volunteers’ as well as killing 7 full time staff members. A candle light memorial service will be held this Saturday October 1, 2022 at 7 pm for all who choose to pay their respects.

“This is a horrible tragedy. The thought of losing so many wonderful people in such a way is unimaginable. My heart and prayers go out to those families who lost loved ones in the break-in. The two injured volunteers have been taken to the hospital to be treated. So far their condition is stable.” Quote by Jordan Mercer, current director of operations at Hands of Mercy

Assailant Description and Stolen Property

The gunman was a Caucasian male approximately 6 ft in height with blond hair and dressed in all black clothing. He was seen fleeing the warehouse at 11:30 pm on NW S Street. If you have any information, please contact the hotline number. This man is considered to be armed and dangerous so do not approach. The number is (227)-554-9696. The gunman entered the building at approximately 6:50 pm, ten minutes before the distribution center closed. Once inside, the unidentified assailant killed and or injured all personal on sight. Once he cleared the building, he emptied all the onsite safes as well as the donation cash box.

Future Security Measures

This break-in has caused the Hands of Mercy warehouse to implement the new safety measures listed below. The three listed below are just the start of the six month security overhaul.

- New Security Cameras
- Keycard access for all exterior and exterior doors
- Onsite armed security personal

Hands of Mercy Description

The Hands of Mercy was first created in 2005 in response to Hurricane Katrina. The devastation moved founder Alexander Mercer and his wife Hannah to create a Christian based disaster relief and restoration company to serve the continental United States. The disaster restoration assistance provided by the Hands of Mercy have touch over 200,000 lives during their 17 years of service. Current director of operations Jordan Mercer, son of founders Alexander and Hannah Mercer, leads a 20-person operation, along with about 250 volunteers, bringing the love of Christ to broken communities. We rebuild the communities of yesterday for the glorification of God today.

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