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THE PHILADELPHIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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SHERIFF ROCHELLE BILAL

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## THE SHERIFF'S PERSPECTIVE



### Letter from Sheriff Rochelle Bilal

I am proud to serve as the first female sheriff for the City of Philadelphia based on my twenty-seven years of experience and leadership at the Philadelphia Police Department Department.

I am very excited to share our community newsletter, which will be published quarterly and will share vital information from The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office with the community.

Please let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter. Any ideas to make this more informative are greatly appreciated.

*Sheriff Rochelle Bilal*

### About The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office

The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office is a law enforcement agency for the City and County of Philadelphia. Our office employs deputies and civilian staff to provide services and support Philadelphians.

The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office supports crime prevention through community outreach programs, including community events and food distributions to residents in need.

The office provides constituent services, courtroom security, and civil enforcement and oversees Sheriff Sales.





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## THE PHILADELPHIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA

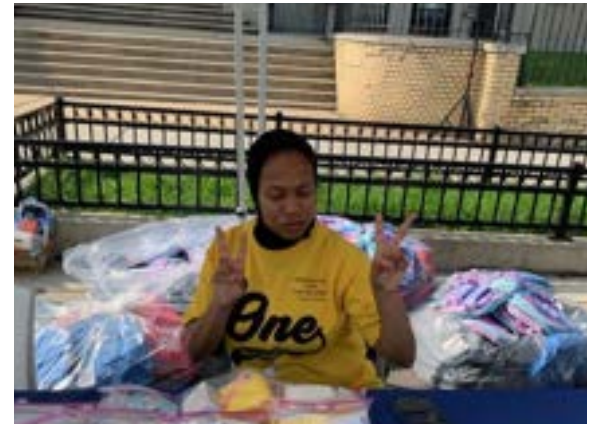
- **Court Security:** Ensuring the safety and security of courtrooms, judges, and visitors during judicial proceedings.
- **Sheriff's Sales:** Managing and conducting property sales for mortgage foreclosures and tax delinquency.
- **Eviction Enforcement:** Supporting and overseeing lawful eviction processes with fairness and professionalism.
- **Prisoner Transportation:** Transporting inmates securely to and from court appearances, correctional facilities, and hospitals.
- **Foreclosure Prevention Education:** Hosting workshops and outreach programs to help homeowners understand their rights and options to avoid foreclosure.
- **Writ Service:** Executing legal orders and serving court documents such as subpoenas and summonses.
- **Community Engagement:** Organizing public safety initiatives, neighborhood meetings, food giveaways, and educational events to promote safer communities.
- **Public Awareness Campaigns:** Raising awareness about job opportunities, gun safety, and programs on how to save your property.
- **Gun Safety and Buyback Initiatives:** Promoting and education on gun safety to reduce firearm-related risks.



## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

### COMMUNITY POP-UP CLINIC

On August 24th and 25th, the Sheriff's Office hosted a free pop-up clinic at the Mariana Bracetti School. Hundreds of Philadelphians received glasses, fillings, and other services at no cost. The Sheriff and her staff also provided hundreds of bookbags and bags with personal products. Stay tuned for our next one!



### FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office partners with community organizations and city and state elected officials to host food distributions across the city. All residents are welcome to participate. Check out our "Upcoming Events" for future dates and locations for food distributions.





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## DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

### DEPUTY SEMILE ROBINSON



Semile Robinson has been a steadfast pillar of service and dedication to the City of Philadelphia, with an impressive career spanning over 26 years.

Throughout his career, Robinson's dedication and courage have been celebrated by the community and his peers alike. He has received numerous awards for his outstanding service, including the prestigious Medal of Valor, a testament to his exceptional bravery and selflessness in situations where he has put others' safety above his own, often at significant personal risk.





## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY STARS



Founded in 2010, Ardella’s House is a service and advocacy non-profit organization committed to helping women with criminal justice histories realize new possibilities for themselves and their families. Our programs make it possible for women to obtain work, housing, and health care; to rebuild their families; and to participate fully in civic life. Through her Institute on Women & Criminal Justice, Toni is realizing her vision as a tireless advocate for a rigorous policy, advocacy, and research agenda that brings new perspectives to public debates on women and criminal justice and the enormous toll that mass incarceration has taken.

Most recently she has been a vociferous advocate for the “Dignity Act,” a series of bi-partisan legislation provisions in Pennsylvania to bring dignity to incarcerated women; to end shackling of pregnant women; to provide adequate access to feminine hygiene products; to support keeping families together by limiting the distance of a woman’s incarceration so that she can be closer to her family; and to recommend diversionary sentencing for women who have been convicted of non-violent crimes.

Toni Willis is a Community Star.



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY STARS



Stephanie Booker is the CEO and Founder of A Home Is A Right (AHARI), an organization she established in 2011 to provide permanent supportive housing to veterans at risk of homelessness, as well as homeless veterans and their families, helping them achieve self-sufficiency. AHARI was born from Stephanie's capstone project during her Master's Program at Eastern University (Class of 2011).

Drawing from her own lived experiences with homelessness, addiction, mental health challenges, and incarceration, Stephanie transformed her life and now dedicates herself to empowering others to overcome the stigma associated with these issues. From humble beginnings, AHARI has grown into a million-dollar nonprofit, and Stephanie is continually seeking dedicated professionals to join the Executive Board and Support Team.

Known for her vision to take AHARI to the national level, she has built a reputation for providing unique, high-quality resources to veterans and underserved populations. However, she is also recognized for her no-nonsense approach, maintaining high standards for AHARI's operations.

Stephanie Booker is a Community Star.



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY STARS



Darryl Shuler is an anti-violence community activist born and raised in Philadelphia. Darryl has worked to empower young people who participate in violence to put the guns down and become leaders in their own communities.

He has mentored young men and women and groomed them to become mentors. Darryl brought together leaders in the anti-gun violence movement from across the city to create a model that focuses on boots on the ground and providing those most at risk of ending up dead or in prison with opportunities and support systems to promote their success and to deter street violence.

He is a formerly incarcerated person, and he goes into the prisons to mentor and work with lifers and returning citizens to interrupt the cycle of community violence and stop prison recidivism.

Darryl Shuler is a Community Star.



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Wanda Pates-Dennis's entire adult career has been dedicated to the Social and Community Services of the aging, disabled, homeless, and at-risk populations, as well as Veterans in their spiritual and mental wellbeing.

Not only professed in management of services, Pate-Dennis is professed and knowledgeable of the availability of City, State and Federal agencies that aid and support the groups named above. God has given Ministry in her career. God is clear. "And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Wanda has been awarded among many honors, the National Honor Society of Collegiate Scholars- Psi-Chi, Post 266- Service Officer of the Year, Proficient and Effective Service Award in Counseling for Philadelphia Alliance Against Drugs and Non- Profit Organization, Aces Museum Service Award and Project Home / Impact Services for the Homeless and Veterans, Person of the Year.





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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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**WOULD YOU LIKE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO  
ATTEND YOUR EVENT?  
CONTACT US AT LEAST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE!**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS REQUEST:**

**Community Outreach  
Leroy Fisher, Leroy.M.Fisher@phila.gov  
215-683-4805**

**COMMENTS, STORY IDEAS, NEWS:**

**Darryl Roberts, Darry.Roberts@phila.gov  
215-683-4827**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

**Movita Johnson Harrell,  
Movita.Johnson@phila.gov  
215-686-3572**



## UPCOMING SHERIFF SALES

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### 2025 Mortgage Sale Dates

January 7, 2025  
February 4, 2025  
March 4, 2025  
April 1, 2025  
May 6, 2025  
June 3, 2025  
July 1, 2025  
August 5, 2025  
September 9, 2025  
October 7, 2025  
November 4, 2025  
December 2, 2025

### Tax Sale Dates

January 10, 2025  
January 21, 2025  
January 24, 2025  
February 7, 2025  
February 18, 2025  
February 21, 2025  
March 7, 2025  
March 18, 2025  
March 21, 2025

**Register and Bid today at [bid4assets.com/philadelphia](https://bid4assets.com/philadelphia)**

***\*Dates are subject to change subject to court orders.  
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## **AUTISM DECAL PROGRAM**

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The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office is committed to the safety of all City of Philadelphia residents. The more information deputies have when they respond to calls for service, the better they can meet our residents' needs.

The mission of the PSO Autism initiative is to alert Emergency Responders that there is a person with autism in the home or vehicle. The decals enable Philadelphia City & County Sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement agencies to draw on their autism training and understand that there is a person in the home or car that may not speak, respond to or comply with verbal commands, may hide, or wander off, or may have no awareness of danger.

The Sheriff's Office is providing these decals free of charge to anyone in Philadelphia County who wants to place them near the front door of their home or in the rear window of their car so law enforcement officers can be aware there is an occupant with autism.

If you want to register for the program but do not wish to affix the decal to your home, simply complete this form and request zero decals. In the comment section, please identify if the decals are for a car or house, as they have specific sizes for each.

**To submit, please scan this form and email it to:  
DARRYL.ROBERTS@PHILA.GOV (SUBJECT: AUTISM DECAL REGISTRATION)**

**Or**

**Mail it to: Office of the Philadelphia Sheriff  
Attn: Community Outreach Department  
100 S. Broad Street – 5th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19110**



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# DON'T LEAVE MONEY ON THE TABLE!

## CALL THE PHILLY SHERIFF OFFICE

The Sheriff's Office Homeowner Asset Recovery Team (H.A.R.T.) H.A.R.T. is committed to assisting individuals affected by the loss of their home. The program focuses on identifying and returning eligible excess funds from Sheriff Sales to former homeowners. If you believe you may qualify, please contact the Sheriff's Office to confirm eligibility before visiting in person. We're here to help you reclaim what's rightfully yours.

Claim forms can be obtained through the Sheriff's Office Real Estate Division

Don't hesitate to get in touch with us at:

100 S. Broad St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102

You can also request to have a claim form mailed or emailed to you by contacting our office at:

215-686-3532 or 215-686-3565 or email: [sheriffhart@phila.gov](mailto:sheriffhart@phila.gov)



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**Hosted by: Sheriff Rochelle Bilal**  
*Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia*

# **“The Sheriff’s Perspective”**

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***NEW SEASON COMING IN 2025***



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# Got a Gun? Get a Lock!

GO TO **PHILLYSHERIFF.COM** TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S LIFESAVING GUN LOCK GIVEAWAY PROGRAM.





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IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CALL FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE FROM THE PHILADELPHIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE REQUESTING ANY MONEY FROM YOU OR ASKING FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY OF YOUR INFORMATION OR MONEY.**

HANG UP THE PHONE AND FILE A COMPLAINT WITH OUR OFFICE AT [PHILLYSHERIFF.COM](http://PHILLYSHERIFF.COM) AND/OR CONTACT THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) AT 1-888-225-5322.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF ONE OF THESE SPOOKING SCAMS, PLEASE FILE A REPORT WITH YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OR CONTACT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.



## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

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### **Important Numbers**

**Philadelphia Sheriff's Office (215) 686-3530**

**City Information Network - 311**

**Save Your Home (215) 334-4663**

**Community Legal Services (215) 981-3700**

**Department of Public Health (215) 686-5200**

**Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (215) 765-9040**

**Tenant Union Representative Network (215) 940-3900**

**Office of Supportive Housing/Homeless Services (215) 686-7175**

**Philadelphia Streets Department (215) 686-5560**

**Philadelphia CLIP (215) 683-2547**

**Philadelphia Housing Authority (215) 684-4000**

**Office of Emergency Management (215) 683-3261**

**Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (215) 686-8000**

**Department of Human Services (215) 683-4347**

**Tax Delinquent/Lineberger (215) 790-1117**

**Tax Delinquent/GRB Law (215) 735-1910**

**Share Foods (215) 223-2220**

**Philabundance (215) 339-0900**

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOCATIONS**

#### **Main Location**

**100 S. Broad Street, 5th Floor (215) 686-3530**

#### **Warrants**

**714 Market Street, (215) 683-3726**

#### **Family Court/Domestic Operations**

**1501 Arch Street, (215) 686-3526**

#### **Criminal Justice Center**

**130 Filbert Street, (215) 686-7900**

#### **Traffic Court**

**800 Spring Garden Street, (215) 686-1671**

#### **Landlord/Tenant Court Widener Building**

**1339 Chestnut Street, (215) 686-3590**