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**Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins Appeals to Community
for Leads on Alleged Gang-Related Shooting**

Latest incident of violence affecting 15-year-old business in Southern sector

- WHO:** Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins
Heath Harris, Chief Prosecutor, Gang Unit
Damond Fields, Owner, Sankofa Arts Kafe
- WHAT:** Press conference with District Attorney Craig Watkins to make a public plea for the citizens of Dallas County to cooperate with law enforcement and come forward with information about an alleged gang-related shooting that occurred in South Dallas last weekend, and address general community concerns regarding “anti-snitching” and retaliation.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. CDT
- WHERE:** Sankofa Arts Kafe
1908 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75215
(off I-45 on M.L.K. Jr. Blvd. in retail plaza next to the Black Forest Theater)
- BACKGROUND:** On Sunday, August 12, 2007, at approximately 5:20 a.m. CDT, a fight escalated to a shooting outside the Sankofa Arts Kafe — a popular arts and entertainment venue that had been rented out for the night by a local promoter. An assault rifle was used in the fatal shooting that left one person dead and three people wounded. Of the 30 to 40 witnesses, only 12 people have come forward with information about the violent crime. To date, the suspect(s) has not been caught.

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