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Local Digest

Child center unveiled

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, child-abuse prevention advocates and others unveiled the \$10 million Safe Shores Child Advocacy Center on Thursday, a facility where young victims and witnesses of abuse or violence can get services while they await court appearances, therapy and interviews.

The center, which will serve more than 850 children a year by appointment, was built in the former Bundy School on O Street NW.

The city provided 70 percent of the funding, and nonprofit Safe Shores raised the rest, including a \$600,000 grant from the Department of Justice, according to a news release.

-- **Nikita Stewart**

MARYLAND

Ruling in crash case

Montgomery County's police department must turn over internal records to the county's inspector general, who is examining how police handled [a four-car pileup involving a high ranking fire official](#), a judge ruled Thursday.

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Inspector General Thomas Dagley's office [has been trying for more than a year](#) to assess an internal police examination of the department's handling of the case of assistant fire chief Gregory J. DeHaven.


DeHaven, who was later dismissed, was found to have had a blood alcohol level nearly twice the legal limit but was not cited for any alcohol-related offenses. Two officers have sued the county to prevent Dagley from getting information from the police department about its internal investigation, which found no wrongdoing by

the officers.

Circuit Court Judge Michael D. Mason said Dagley's office was entitled to receive the records, brushing aside officers' concerns that the police department's internal affairs investigation files are confidential personnel records that should not be made available to the inspector general.

Martha Handman, an attorney for Sgt. Ed Shropshire and Capt. Willie Parker-Loan, said she has not decided whether to appeal.

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