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### MTA, NYPD, TWU Local 100 Announce \$22,000 Joint Reward for Capture and Conviction of James Plocica's Killer

NEW YORK - The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), New York Police Department (NYPD), and Transport Workers Union Local 100 (TWU) today announced a joint \$22,000 reward for the capture and conviction of the murderer of transit worker James Plocica. Plocica, an MTA employee and member of TWU Local 100, was gunned down in the early hours of Sunday, March 11, while returning from his job.

"On behalf of the entire MTA family, I'd like to extend our deepest condolences to the Plocica family," said MTA Executive Director and CEO Elliot G. Sander. "We will spare no effort to catch whoever perpetrated this terrible crime. We hope that by teaming with the TWU and NYPD we can bring justice to Jimmy's family."

"We are heartbroken at having lost one of our brothers in such a violent and senseless crime," said TWU Local 100 President Roger Toussaint. "Our heart goes out to Jimmy's family at their time of need. We intend to do everything possible to help find his killer, and we hope the announcement of this reward will help."

Plocica, 37, had been with the MTA for five years, starting first as a train operator, and moving in 2003 to work in security as a property protection agent. James was returning home after his 4 p.m. to midnight shift early Sunday morning when he was shot in the chest at about 1:00 am. He was taken to Kings County Hospital Center, where he later died. James is survived by his wife Barbara and two daughters, Amber, age 9, and Courtney, age 13.

The \$22,000 reward includes \$5,000 from the MTA, \$5,000 from the TWU, \$10,000 from the NYPD Crime stoppers program and \$2,000 from the NYC Crime Victim's Compensation Board. Reward posters will be posted shortly in the vicinity of the crime, throughout Brooklyn and in transportation facilities leading to and from the area. Anyone with information is urged to call 800-577-TIPS (8477).