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Commission Hopes Alert System Deters Crime

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COLUMBUS, Ohio - After a 17-year-old student was reportedly gunned down in his own home, Columbus police are working on new ways to alert neighborhoods to crime.

The funeral for Dennis Lewis was held Thursday. One week after he was shot and killed in an apparent botched home invasion attempt at his home on Loretta Avenue, **NBC 4's** Erin Tate reported.

Neighbors said that they were shaken by the well-like student's violent murder.

In light of events like these, the North Linden Area Commission is supporting the city's latest crime fighting tool, an e-mail and text message alert system.

The system is called "Citizen Observer" and is designed to give the power of information to the people.

To receive crime alerts and other important neighborhood notices, area residents simply sign up on the Columbus police department's Web site. Users can choose to get information based upon area of town and block watch or civic association.

Those who use the system can also anonymously share tips with police.

The commission and the Columbus police hope that this system will prevent crimes like the senseless murder of Denis Lewis.

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