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2015 is almost upon us and I wanted to let you all know about a couple of projects on which CSUSA is working. First, we had meetings in Washington DC with the US Treasury Department concerning the Treasury Forfeiture Fund. Much of the money that comes into that fund is a result of Crime Stoppers Tips. Currently, Law Enforcement Agencies as well as a few other entities get money from that fund. CSUSA is discussing with the Treasury Department the possibility of allowing Crime Stoppers programs to request money from this fund as well, without affecting any other entity. It would be a percentage and could be much more than the amount of the tip reward. So far our talks have been very positive.

Another project CSUSA is working on is an agreement with a new television network on air for the first time on January 20, 2015. It will be called the Justice Network. What we have worked out so far is if they are broadcasting in a Crime Stoppers USA program's area, they will air at no charge, wanted persons from the local Crime Stoppers program each hour. They will handle the production and the program or Law Enforcement Agency will have to give the information to the network along with a photo of the wanted person or information about a crime. They will put up the Crime Stoppers USA 800 number and the calls and tips will go through to the local program. To be able to participate in this program, a program must be a member in good standing with Crime Stoppers USA. The network wanted to make sure that programs were following best practices as CSUSA members do.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous 2015!

John D. Lamb
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SIDEBAR with the Judge

by Judge Richard W. Carter, Retired

CSUSA Director of Legal Services

Subpoenas and Discovery Requests

One of the several benefits of membership in Crime Stoppers USA is the right to obtain assistance and advice regarding subpoenas and requests for discovery of Crime Stoppers records and information. This is nothing new, but I have noticed a recent spike in the number of our member programs served with subpoenas duces tecum. I have also found that some of the criminal defense attorneys have made advancements and reached a higher level of sophistication in the drafting of subpoenas and motions for discovery.

Fortunately, working with local counsel, CSUSA has also kept up with the times, and we have improved the quality of our Motion to Quash language. Examples of the more recent Motions to Quash will be included on the next edition of our Crime Stoppers CD which is distributed each year to dues-paid member programs of CSUSA.

If your program receives an informal phone call, a letter, a subpoena, or a pleading seeking records or information regarding Crime Stoppers tips and tipsters, please contact me ASAP so that we can discuss the situation. A copy of any subpoena, letter or pleading should be forwarded to me. A copy of the tips can also be sent to me confidentially in appropriate cases and protected by the attorney-client privilege.

Lastly, it is very important that Crime Stoppers information and records be protected against even the perception that such might be turned over to or shared with criminal defendants and their attorneys. Each Crime Stoppers organization should have in place a Standard Operating Procedure outlining what will be done upon the receipt of a subpoena or discovery request.

Report Any Problems with Brady

This is a reminder that government prosecutors may contact your organization, or have their representatives do so, in an effort to ascertain whether you possess or control any information which might possibly be considered as “exculpatory” or “mitigating”, i.e. helpful to a criminal defendant. It might even include information which can be used to “impeach” a

witness. The United States Supreme Court in the Brady case ruled that prosecutors have an ethical duty to share such information with the criminal defendant. The court decision has been enhanced in most, if not all, jurisdictions through state statutes and court rules.

The threshold question is whether the information possessed by Crime Stoppers is or is not within the possession, control, or reach of the prosecuting attorney and/or the law enforcement officers being used as witnesses by the government in a criminal case. If your program has questions or problems with Brady requests, please contact me for guidance. The prosecutors are under significant pressure from the trial judges to see that Brady is complied with, but many prosecutors and judges have a few things to learn about the corporate structure and operations of Crime Stoppers. Everyone needs to be on the same page.

Sharing Your Legal Gems

If your Crime Stoppers organization has developed a form or template, whether a legal document or not, which has been helpful in the operations of your program, please take a moment to send it to me so that I can consider adding it to our inventory of resource materials that are included on our Crime Stoppers CD.

Likewise, if you have had a nice victory (criminal or civil) which enhances Crime Stoppers, please share that with me. In the very rare event of a catastrophic loss, I definitely need to learn of such as soon as possible so that I can assist with review, damage control, suggested changes in operational procedures, training needs, etc.

See you in Atlanta, Georgia

Plan ahead and budget the money to send representatives of your Crime Stoppers program to the CSUSA training conference in 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. I already have my airline tickets and hotel reservations. Don't be left out. Time is flying by. In the meantime, have a Merry Christmas (or similar holiday of your choice) and a Happy New Year.

Crime Stoppers USA \$Financial\$ Corner

Are You Ready For Your Organization's Fiscal Year-End?

K. Scott Abrams, CPA, CGMA, FHFMA

It is just about the end of the calendar year; the hustle and bustle of the holidays is almost upon us and pretty soon, we will be making those New Year's resolutions once again. Well, I have a suggestion: make one of those resolutions early and begin reviewing whether your organization is ready for its financial year end. Below is a checklist of the common items that the majority of our local Crime Stoppers organizations may follow ensuring they have met the minimum reporting requirements. Most, not all, Crime Stoppers organizations have December 31 as their fiscal year end. While going through the checklist below, please modify if your organization does not have December 31 as its fiscal year end.

Common nonprofit year-end checklist items:

- **Annual Meeting and Minutes:** If your bylaws require your organization to conduct an annual meeting, this meeting should be held undertaking any operating requirements such as approving budgets, electing board member/officers, reviewing and approving policies and procedures particularly with respect to Conflict of Interest.
- **Donors:** If you haven't done so already, the year-end is a great time to thank your donors and volunteers for any support provided during the recent year. It is always a good idea to recognize and acknowledge every donor regardless of the size of the contribution. However, remember that any donors making a contribution of \$250 or more need a written acknowledgment to claim the deduction on their personal or business tax return.
- **Grants:** If your organization was awarded a grant, the organization should review the grant documents identifying any and all annual reporting requirements that need to be fulfilled in order to maintain the grants. Sometimes it is just a matter of submitting your year-end financial statements, but other grantors require much more stringent reporting processes, particularly if they are government grants. It is important to keep up-to-date on these filing requirements.
- **Internal Revenue Service:**
 - ❖ **Do you have any employees?** If your organization employs any staff members, quarterly and year end employment reports are due. In addition, a Form W-2 must be provided to each employee by January 31st and the reporting of this information to the IRS (as well as most states) completed by February 28th. Also, best practice is to have employees fill out a new W-4 at the beginning of each year.
 - ❖ **Do you have any vendors?** It is the responsibility of the organization to collect vendor W-9 forms from each vendor before any payments are processed. In addition, a Form 1099 is required to be completed for each vendor for all

accumulated amounts paid throughout the year and provided to each vendor by January 31st. Similar to the Form W-2, these forms and a summary Form 1098 are required to be filed with the IRS by February 28th.

- ❖ Annual IRS Tax Informational Report Form 990: Every organization has a responsibility to file a report with the IRS either Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-N. It is a good time to verify that your organization is current on filing this important document. The Tax Informational Report is due on the 15th of the fifth month following the organization's fiscal year end. Therefore, if your fiscal year end is December 31st, your annual Tax Informational Report is due on May 15th. If this document is not filed in a timely manner, the organization may have its tax-exempt status revoked.
- Annual registration, tax reports or filing required by your state: Generally, most states require tax-exempt organizations to register or file up-to-date documents to maintain their operating status. It is best to check with the state comptroller's office or the department of financial institutions for your state requirements.
- Financial Records:
 - ❖ Remember the organization has a legal requirement to maintain proper financial records. Financial statements should be maintained and provided on a periodic basis according to the organization's bylaws.
 - ❖ If a financial audit or review is required, this should be scheduled and undertaken in the appropriate timeframe as well.
 - ❖ Backup your financial records as required in your document retention policy and procedures.

These are a few of the common year and items that should be included in your checklist. Of course, check your own state and localities requirements for any additional filing or reporting that may be required. Particularly with federal and governmental reporting, significant fines or loss of the organizations tax-exempt status may occur if the timely and appropriate filing of certain documents is not maintained. Don't let this happen to your organization!

Grand Rapids, Michigan Publicity



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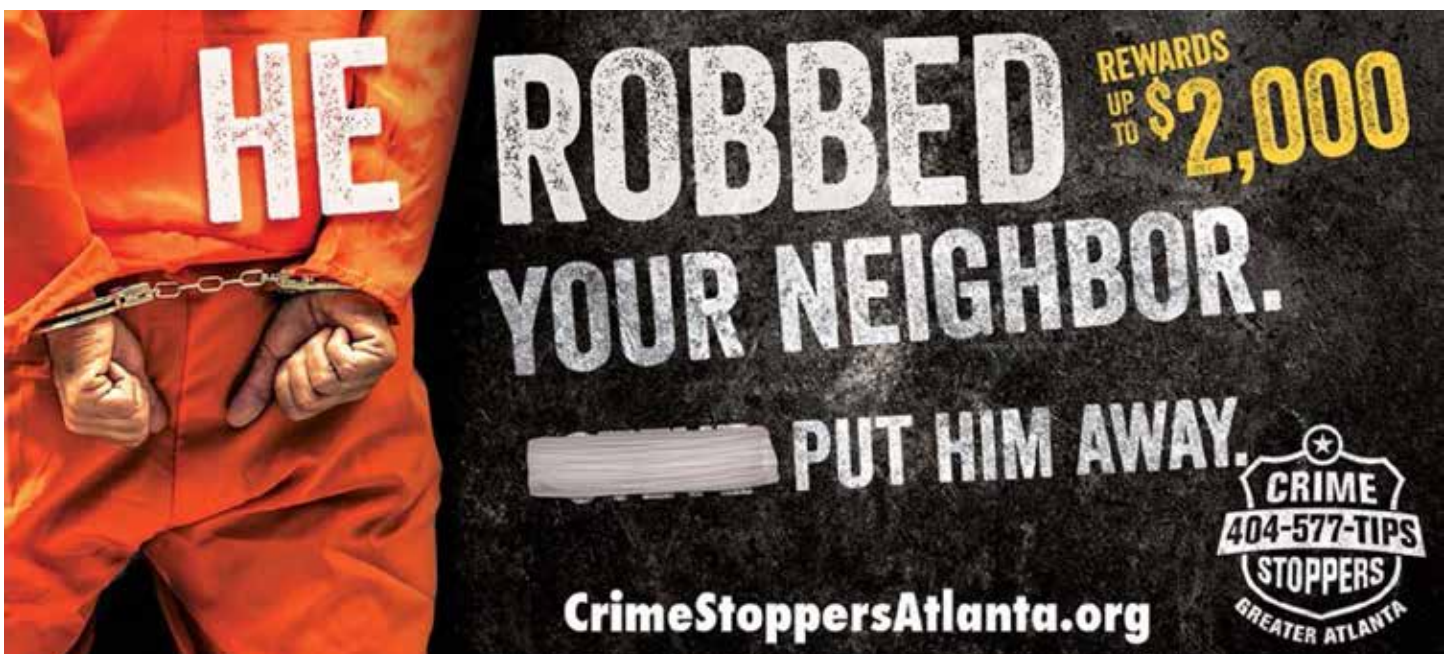
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Atlanta Crime Stoppers Publicity



Texas Crime Stoppers Productivity Awards

26th Annual Texas Crime Stoppers Productivity Awards

Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers

Greatest Dollar Recovery and Most Cases Cleared

Population less than 25,000

Lamar County Crime Stoppers

Greatest Dollar Recovery and Most Cases Cleared

Population 25,001 – 50,000

Pharr Crime Stoppers

Greatest Dollar Recovery

Population 50,001 – 100,000

Odessa Crime Stoppers

Most Cases Cleared

Population 50,001 – 100,000

Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers

Greatest Dollar Recovery and Most Cases Cleared

Population 100,001 – 150,000

Crime Stoppers of Midland

Greatest Dollar Recovery and Most Cases Cleared

Population 150,001 – 200,000

Amarillo Crime Stoppers

Greatest Dollar Recovery

Population 200,001 – 250,000

Waco Crime Stoppers

Most Cases Cleared

Population 200,001 – 250,000

Montgomery County Crime Stoppers

Greatest Dollar Recovery and Most Cases Cleared

Population 250,001 – 500,000

Hidalgo County Crime Stoppers

Greatest Dollar Recovery and Most Cases Cleared

Population 500,001 – 1,000,000

Safe City Commission

Greatest Dollar Recovery and Most Cases Cleared

Population more than 1,000,000

Texas Crime Stoppers Publicity Awards

26th Annual Texas Crime Stoppers Publicity Awards

Waco Crime Stoppers

Best Crime of the Week

Newsprint

“Probe Continues into N. Waco Fires”

Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers

Best General Article

Newsprint

“Fighting Crime in 3 Counties”

Laredo Crime Stoppers

Best Special Production/PSA

[MENUDO 2013](#)

Waco Crime Stoppers

Best Crime of the Week

[Radio](#)

Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers

Best Special Production/PSA

Television

[Cops & Robbers 5K Pursuit](#)

Crime Stoppers of El Paso

Best Crime of the Week

Television

Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers

Best Website

[Wfcrime.com](#)

Crime Stoppers of Houston

Innovative Publicity Award

[Fallen Hero Project](#)

Detective Marvin Hyvl

Coordinator of the Year

Huntsville/Walker County Crime Stoppers

Blanca Cardenas

Board Member of the Year

McAllen Crime Stoppers

P3 Tip Management Software**Coming Soon!**

Anderson Software is pleased to announce the upcoming release of a new state-of-the-art cloud based tip management solution. This will provide an excellent alternative option for anyone who may be wishing to migrate from TipSoft for any number of reasons... many of which have been shared with me and factored heavily into our decision to develop a new product.

Being the original developers of TipSoft, we have a full understanding of what tip management software should consist of and have taken this opportunity to start fresh from the ground up with a totally new design and backend architecture. This has resulted in a fresh new user interface and much more optimized methods for acquiring, managing and delivering tips. Functionality, speed and ease of use have all been enhanced and we look forward to going live with it.

We sold TipSoft to Public Engines, Inc. in 2010 with the best of intentions that they would continue to enhance and support the product... as promised to me by their CEO. Unfortunately, shortly after the acquisition the CEO was terminated due to issues regarding another product they had built in-house. The company has been through two additional CEO's in the past three years and since none of them had anything to do with the original TipSoft acquisition there has been an apparent disconnect with or lack of dedication to the product.

I am very sorry for the outcome of the TipSoft acquisition for our users' sake, but we are now re-entering the space to help provide yet another suitable solution which will be supported properly.

Development of the main package is progressing very well and we hope to have both it and the special call center version ready to deploy sometime during Q1 2015 if all goes well and as planned.

More information will be coming pertaining to more detailed items like functionality, comparative analysis and data migration plans from TipSoft... among other things.

Regards,

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Crime Stoppers Makes a Comeback

By Katharhynn Heidelberg, Daily Press Senior Writer

After fits and starts over the past few decades, a revamped Montrose Crime Stoppers is up and ready. The Montrose Police Department began putting out feelers for a Crime Stoppers board here last year, Chief Tom Chinn said. Sgt. Tim Cox and former Officer Blake Barth had the good fortune to connect with retiree and community volunteer John W. Nelson, a former judge and Arizona deputy. “There are crimes where there are not pieces of evidence lying around, nor eyewitnesses. That’s where a program like Crime Stoppers comes in,” Nelson said on Friday. Nelson and some friends incorporated Crime Stoppers for Montrose in April and it became a nonprofit in May. Since then, the 11-member board has been drumming up publicity about the program.

“The police can’t do it all. The Crime Stoppers concept provides additional eyes on the street,” Nelson said. “We are moving forward quite rapidly, given the newness of the organization. You really have to start from scratch.”

Crime Stoppers as a concept developed out of the 1976 murder of college student Michael Carmen, who was shot to death at a convenience store in Albuquerque, Nelson said. Police found neither witnesses nor evidence—but an investigator with a background in media produced a re-enactment for radio and TV, inviting people to call anonymously on the promise of a reward. “It turned out that within 72 hours (of the publicity), they had the two people who committed the crime and had solved two other crimes as well,” said Nelson. “It does work. It’s based on publicity, anonymity and the possibility of a reward.”

The program is operational in other parts of the 7th Judicial District, but in Montrose, it could never seem to get off the ground until recently, Chinn indicated. “The Crime Stoppers system here in Montrose had never been successful. We’ve tried to get it up and running on several occasions and just weren’t able to do that. We just couldn’t make it work,” he said. Cox “took the bull by the horns,” however, while Nelson coordinated the effort, pouring hours into building a dedicated board, Chinn said.

“They basically rebuilt it from the ground up. I believe we’re going to have a very good Crime Stoppers program in place. I think we’re ready to go. It will work. We have a board that is very dedicated and a lot of credit goes to John W. Nelson.”

Nelson said previous attempts here died a slow death because there wasn’t the same level of urgency as now.

“In just two months, we had two officer-involved shootings, a drive-by in Olathe and there’s a drug bust, to one degree or another, almost every day. That’s outrageous,” he said. Nelson stressed that the police department and sheriff’s office are staffed and headed by dedicated officers; there are just some cases that require someone to come forward with information. The Montrose County Sheriff’s Office continues seeking information about a Sept. 16 incident in which gunfire was exchanged in the 3500 block of 62.00 Road. Four cars sped away before deputies arrived; witnesses are sought. The officer-involved shootings occurred in July and August; the suspects were shot after allegedly threatening officers and have been identified. Not only is there scant funding for additional officers, but throwing more officers at the problems won’t necessarily solve crimes that have gone cold due to a lack of evidence or witnesses willing to come forward, Nelson explained. That’s where Crime Stoppers comes in, he said.

Calls to the Crime Stoppers’ number come to a special line at dispatch (249-8500) and they cannot be traced; by statute, the callers’ identities aren’t even discoverable by defense attorneys, Nelson said. Callers are given a report number and directed to call back after a certain number of days. “If in fact that report leads to an arrest, there’s a chance that the caller can get a monetary reward,” Nelson said. If the board — which does not delve into a crime’s details — votes to pay a reward, the recipient is given a code number and directed to a bank, which pays in cash without asking the person’s identity. Private donations help fund the rewards. “We don’t know all of the facts on a particular crime. We know a crime was reported, the kind of crime and that an arrest

was made,” Nelson explained.

“It’s on that information that we base a reward. We don’t know the details. We don’t have a law enforcement officer on our board. People think of Crime Stoppers as an arm of law enforcement. It’s not.”

Nelson and the board received advice from Crime Stopper of Grand Junction; what he saw in conferring with representatives from that program was that at least half of all tipsters weren’t that interested in the reward money. “They want to see the criminal off the street.

A lot of these rewards they mete out in Grand Junction relate to drug crimes and fugitive warrants,” he said. Fugitive warrants are another case in point for the effectiveness of Crime Stoppers. Fugitives may settle quietly into another community and so, never draw the attention of law enforcement there. But if other citizens recognize them or somehow learn they are wanted, Crime Stoppers provides a critical incentive for coming forward. Since Crime Stoppers’ inception nearly 40 years ago, more than 660,000 arrests have been made nationwide because of the program, according to stats Nelson shared. Also 8,300 homicides have been solved and one million cases cleared. “True, it’s been (over) a long time, but that’s over 1 million cases that have been cleared through the Crime Stoppers’ program.

The numbers are sort of overwhelming,” Nelson said.

Montrose Crime Stoppers is contemplating teaming up with other jurisdictions in surrounding counties, “especially since we have regional dispatch,” Chinn said. “That’s precisely where we’re headed, but you have to walk before you can run and that’s kind of what we’re doing,”

Nelson said. “We’re not trying to take over. Our intent is to simply make the systems work better.” People interested in joining the board can send letters of interest to Crime Stoppers, care of the Montrose Police Department, 433 S. First St., P.O. Box 790, Montrose, CO 81402.

The police do not open mail addressed to Crime Stoppers. To report a crime, call Crime Stoppers at (970) 249-8500. Crime Stoppers was slated to present at the Dec. 10 Wednesday Forum held at Heidi’s Brooklyn Deli.

Kansas City Fundraiser

The 18th annual Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline “Party at Arrowhead” was held November 1st, 2014 in the Pavilion at Arrowhead Stadium and featured a live auction of some 30 “baskets” donated by area law enforcement partners, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, food, open bar, KC Chief’s Cheerleaders and White Rose Band. Once again, the event was a huge success with over 300 attendees, 8 food vendors (including Jose Pepper’s, Zarda BBQ, QT Kitchens, Baby Cakes, Nick and Jake’s, Popeye’s Chicken, Jazz, A Louisiana Kitchen, Strawberry Hill Poviticia and Hooter’s)

We would like to recognize KSHB TV-41 anchor Jadiann Thompson, a former Phoenix, Az Crime Stopper reporter, for emceeing our event. Table sponsorships brought in over \$36,000 and live auction items generated another \$27,800 with total net revenue setting in a NEW record of \$64,828.68!!! Thank you to all who supported this annual event.





Shred-A-Thon raises More Than \$80K for Crime Stoppers

KUSA - The 9NEWS and Crime Stoppers annual Shred-a-thon was a success once again, raising more than \$84,000 this year. Thousands gather their old paperwork and brought it to the 2014 Shred-a-thon. Some boxes even dates back to 1992. All donations collected benefited Metro Denver Crime Stoppers Saturday. Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey says adequately shredding unneeded paperwork is part of an overall identity theft protection plan.



"Any type of prevention, just taking simple steps, can help prevent you from becoming a victim and save yourself a lot of time," Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey said following last year's Shred-a-thon. The money donated goes to fund rewards Crime Stoppers offers in criminal investigations. "The donations immediately provide our ability to give awards that we pay out to the anonymous tipsters that call, text, email and use our APP," said Crime Stoppers Board President Mike Mills. "We solve a lot of crime and without the reward, people wouldn't come forward," Morrissey added.

Experts suggest people shred documents that contain more information than your name and address. Crosscut shredders are best. "When you cross cut it, it makes it that much harder to do anything with that information so that's why we emphasize buying a shredder with a zigzag pattern, not a straight line," explains Jefferson County Sheriff Ted Mink.

Experts suggest you shred:

- Cancelled checks
- ATM and Credit card receipts
- Old credit cards
- Credit Card Offers
- Old Bank statements
- Bills
- Tax records and receipts (keep for 7 years)
- Medical records and bills (keep for a year in case of disputes)
- Pay stubs (keep for a year)
- Keep the most recent version of: Social Security statements, Annual insurance policy statements, Retirement plan statements (but shred the rest)



In 2013, the Shred-a-thon raised more than \$70,000 to fight crime with Crime Stoppers and Shred-it Inc. shredded over 350 tons of paper. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that relies 100 percent on donations to offer rewards to people who can solve crimes in the metro-Denver community.

Crime Stoppers takes anonymous tips by phone at 720-913-STOP (7867) or through the use of the Metro Denver Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous and are eligible for an award of up to \$2,000. The Metro Denver Crime Stoppers mobile app is immediately available as a free download on the App Store for Apple devices, on Google Play for Android devices and on the BlackBerry App World for select BlackBerry devices.



Wanted Sex Offender Round up Project 2014

Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana – U. S. Marshals Office of the Southern District of Indiana – Marion County Sheriff's Department

Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana has always enjoyed a good relationship with our local law enforcement agencies. Throughout the years, many joint projects have been taken on by Crime Stoppers and our law enforcement partners to help with the capture of wanted felons. On December 8th, 2014 Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana, the United States Marshals Service of the Southern District of Indiana, and the Marion County Indiana Sheriff's Department launched a sex offender sweep to help capture unregistered sex offenders. This was the third project between the Marshals office, local sheriff's departments and Crime Stoppers of Central in the last few years.

Beginning in November of 2014, Senior Deputy U. S. Marshal Tammy Hammons requested the assistance of Crime Stoppers to help capture dozens of unregistered sex offenders in Marion Co. Indiana. Initially over 90 warrants for wanted sex offenders were found. The U. S. Marshals service along with the Marion County Sheriff's Department cleared over 50 of those warrants before this projects launch date. The 40 wanted suspects who were left had warrants ranging from failure to register as a sex offender to drug charges. All of the suspects were convicted sex offenders.

The list of 40 was used to design a publicity campaign to ask the public's help in capturing these wanted sex offenders. A large wanted poster of the suspects was created and each offender was listed along with an offender number (1 to 40). We have found in the past citizens might not know or remember a suspect's name but a number was remembered. In the past, a full page advertisement was placed in the major local paper to help generate tips. In this project, a new tactic was used: two types of billboards were designed and activated. One location was a digital billboard which flashed all 40 suspects at least once a day. The two other locations were static billboards which featured the 4 offenders who had been wanted the longest. The digital billboard will be active for two weeks, the static for one month.

December 8th, 2014 a news conference was held with Crime Stoppers, U. S. Marshals, and the Marion County Sheriff's office all in attendance. U. S. Marshal for the district, Kerry Forrestal, stated he was very happy with the outcome of past projects and spoke of the partnership as a way to get the profiled sex offenders off the street. Sheriff John Layton also spoke of the partnership with the U.S. Marshals and Crime Stoppers.

All four major TV stations were represented at the new conference, along with print and radio media. All four stations ran stories about the project and many shot live video of the digital billboard. The poster and individual mug shots of the suspects were released to the media. The poster, mug shots of suspects, and pictures of the billboards were posted on social media which in 24 hours had been viewed over 10,000 times. A "wanted as of date" was placed on all billboards and print media. One of the local TV stations planned to conduct a ride along with the task force officers to see the project in action.

With-in 24 hours four of the suspects had been located. One turned himself in due to the publicity, two were arrested, and one was found to be deceased. As this article is being written (just outside the 24 hour mark) U.S. Marshals and Sheriff's Deputies are working several more promising leads.

These were the hard to find unregistered sex offenders and within 24 hours of the project launch three have been located. Tips have placed the suspects spread out throughout Indiana, not just in the Indianapolis/Marion county area.

The bulk of the funding for the projects came from the U. S. Marshals. Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana provided the reward money for the arrests. The Marshals and local sheriff's department dedicated additional manpower to follow the tips submitted to Crime Stoppers. This partnership hopefully will end in the arrest and future compliance of the profiled sex offenders.

If you have any questions about the project please feel free to email me at SteveDuBois@CrimeTips.org

Stay safe and let's keep locking them up!

Steve DuBois




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Danny Asher

as of 12/04/2014

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WANTED
SEX OFFENDER

CAPTURED





Asher



as of 12/05/2014



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Up to **\$1,000 REWARD**
For information leading to a felony arrest



Wanted as of December 8, 2014

**WANTED ON FELONY WARRANTS FOR
VIOLATIONS OF SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY LAWS**

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|  Captured Danny Asher (1) |  Victor Brown (2) |  Francisco Cardona (3) |  Ronald Conway (4) |  Jerry Echols (5) |  Travis Fuentes (6) |
|  Rickey Gladney (7) |  Dorian N. Glover (8) |  Sean L. Green (9) |  Jerry L. Hash (10) |  Robert J. Hinton (11) |  Douglas Hogrefe (12) |
|  Kristopher Hunter (13) |  Jarmichael Ledford (14) |  Michael Lamb (15) |  Frankie McCorkle (16) |  Tarrence Martin-Dennis (17) |  Paul Milton (18) |
|  Joshua Moore (19) |  Donzahe Pearson (20) |  Christopher Price (21) |  Roger Raines (22) |  James F. Rhodes (23) |  Andre Richardson (24) |
|  Antwan Richmond (25) |  Deceased Jeffery Schmidt (26) |  Captured Eric Settles (27) |  William Whigum (Sides) (28) |  Sir Terrance Skipper (29) |  Captured Sean P Stewart (30) |
|  Daniel Truaz (31) | Captured (32) |  Bryan Votzie (33) |  Paul Waggoner (34) |  Christopher Wood (35) |  Brian Johnson (36) |
|  Demetrius J. Cal (37) |  Gil Casillas (38) |  Humberto Camino (39) |  Jose Cortez (40) | Reserved for the next offender who does not register | Reserved for the next offender who does not register |



*All persons presumed innocent until proven guilty.
Only tips submitted directly and anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana are eligible for a reward.*

Call 317-262-8477 (TIPS) or 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)
www.CrimeTips.org





What is the Texas Stash House Reward Program?

The Texas Stash House Rewards Program is a joint program of Texas Crime Stoppers and the Texas Department of Public Safety designed to encourage Texans to anonymously report information on stash houses used to facilitate smuggling of illegal aliens, trafficking of victims, and smuggling of drugs in an effort to combat transnational crime.

What is a stash house?

Stash houses are used by alien smuggling organizations (ASO) to conceal illegal aliens and drugs as they are transported across the border. The ASOs use violence, threats and intimidation against illegal aliens who are held as their hostages as they extort ransom payments from their family members.

What are the characteristics of a stash house?

In Texas, stash houses may be houses, ranches, business locations, mobile homes, hotels, or apartments. Most stash houses are rental properties, have squalid conditions and are ill-equipped to safely hold large numbers of people.

What is transnational crime?

Transnational crime involves criminal networks operating in more than one country and commonly includes money laundering, human smuggling, and trafficking of humans, drugs and weapons.

Is there a reward for information involving stash houses?

Individuals with information leading to the arrest of suspects involved in stash house operations or transnational crimes in Texas are eligible for a reward up to \$2,500.

What information should the tipster provide to the Texas Stash House Rewards Program?

The information provided by the tipster must lead to the discovery of a stash house in Texas used in transnational crime. This information usually pertains to at least one of the following: large quantities of illicit drugs, sheltering/smuggling of undocumented aliens, human trafficking, suspicious activity or extortion.

Will the person reporting the information remain anonymous?

As long as the tipster does not provide their personal information, all calls, texts and web tips submitted to Texas Crime Stoppers remain completely anonymous. Government Code Chapter 414, Section 8, states that evidence of criminal activity communicated between a tipster and Texas Crime Stoppers may not be compelled to be produced before a court.

How does one report information regarding a stash house?

The individual can call the Texas Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477), text the letters DPS, followed by the tip, to CRIMES (274637) from a cell phone, or submit a web tip at texas.dps.gov.

“Texas has taken strong steps to fight transnational crimes associated with our porous border, and the Texas Stash House Rewards Program is another way for Texans to help stop crimes in their neighborhoods.”

- Governor Rick Perry

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(512) 463-1919
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thetexascrimestoppers.org

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CRIME ★ STOPPERS
thetexascrimestoppers.org

Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas 10 Most Wanted
(512) 424-2812
dps.texas.gov



PURPOSE

The Texas' Best Campus Awards are presented by the Texas Crime Stoppers Council to recognize campus crime stoppers programs for their outstanding community involvement and commitment to safer schools from July 2013 through June 2014. Awards will be presented at the 20th Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference on February 3, 2015. The awards include the following:

COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

The Coordinator of the Year award honors one individual for outstanding contributions to his or her local crime stoppers program, school, and community. All Coordinator of the Year entries should include a one page summary describing the nominee's service to crime stoppers, an endorsement letter from the board chair and/or principal, and a digital photograph of the nominee.

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

The Administrator of the Year award recognizes one individual who exemplifies professional excellence in contributions to his or her local crime stoppers program, school, and community. All Administrator of the Year entries should include a one page summary describing the nominee's service to crime stoppers, an endorsement letter from the board chair and/or principal, and a digital photograph of the nominee.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The Board Member of the Year award honors one board member who has demonstrated outstanding service through commitment, passion, and dedication to his or her local crime stoppers program and community. All Board Member of the Year entries should include a one page summary describing the nominee's service to crime stoppers, an endorsement letter from the board chair and/or principal, and a digital photograph of the nominee.

PRODUCTIVITY AWARDS

The Productivity Awards honor campus programs for the most cases cleared and for the greatest dollar recovery of narcotics seized and property recovered. Awards will be given based on the size of the school population served (see breakdown below). All Productivity entries should include an entry form indicating the size of the school population served. Texas Crime Stoppers will pull statistical reports from July 2013 through June 2014.

Size of school population served:

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1-500 | 5,001-7,500 | 25,001-45,000 |
| 501-2,500 | 7,501-15,000 | 45,001-65,000 |
| 2,501-5,000 | 15,001-25,000 | 65,001 and up |

DEADLINE: Friday, January 9, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. CST.

PUBLICITY AWARDS

The Publicity Awards honor one campus program per category for exceptional publicity from **July 2013** through **June 2014**. Each local program may enter each category ONE time. All Publication entries should include an entry form, a 100-word summary of the entry, and a digital copy of the entry (i.e. CD, DVD, thumb drive). Please label each digital copy with program name and entry category. **No digital copy is required for the Best Website entry.**

Radio Competition – Crime of the Week

Recognizes the best radio Crime of the Week story. Judged on content, production quality, and creativity.

Radio Competition – Public Service Announcement

Recognizes the best radio Public Service Announcement. Judged on content, production quality, and creativity.

Television Competition – Crime of the Week

Recognizes the best television Crime of the Week story. Judged on content, production quality, and creativity.

Television Competition – Public Service Announcement

Recognizes the best television Public Service Announcement. Judged on content, production quality, and creativity.

Newsprint Competition – Crime of the Week

Recognizes the best Crime of the Week news article. Judged on quality, conciseness, and originality.

Newsprint Competition – General

Recognizes the best general news article. Judged on quality, conciseness, and originality.

Innovative Publicity

Recognizes the best innovative publicity through means other than radio, television, and newsprint. Judged on creativity, delivery, and impact on the community.

Best Website

Recognizes the best crime stoppers website. Judged on content, functionality, and design.

DEADLINE: Friday, January 9, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. CST.

The awards below will also be recognized at the 20th Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference, but do not require prior entry or submission.

TRAVELING TROPHY AWARD

The Traveling Trophy Award recognizes a campus crime stoppers program that exhibits an attitude, spirit, and effort to inspire others to be their best. The winner will be chosen based on their exemplary leadership demonstrated at the 20th Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference. **No entry required.**

POSTER CONTEST

The Poster Contest recognizes one student per category for his or her creative artwork portraying the benefit of crime stoppers. Each student may submit one entry. All Poster entries must include the student's name and school and **be turned into the registration desk by the start of the conference:**

Traditional Poster Contest

Recognizes the best traditional artwork. Students may use a variety of media such as paint, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, markers, collage, three dimensional objects, etc.

Digital Poster Contest

Recognizes the best computer generated artwork. Students may use any available design applications/programs and can submit posters in the form of graphic designs, digital illustrations, photograph, etc.



Please attach this form to each entry along with the required documents. All entries become the property of Texas Crime Stoppers and may be used for promotional purposes. No entries are returned. For questions regarding the awards, contact Texas Crime Stoppers at **(512) 463-1919** or **Txcrimestoppers@gov.texas.gov**.

Program Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Coordinator: _____

Chair: _____

Submitted by: _____

This entry is for the following award: _____

Title of Entry: _____

Size of School Population Served: _____

Signature of Board Chair or President: _____

Please send completed entries and supporting materials (**EXCLUDING** entries for the **Poster Contests** and the **Traveling Trophy Award**) by mail or email to:

Texas Crime Stoppers
Attn: Elaine Williams
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Tx 78711
txcrimestoppers@gov.texas.gov

Winners will be honored at the 20th Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference on February 3, 2015 in McAllen, Texas.

DEADLINE: Friday, January 9, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. CST.



CSGA NEWSLETTER



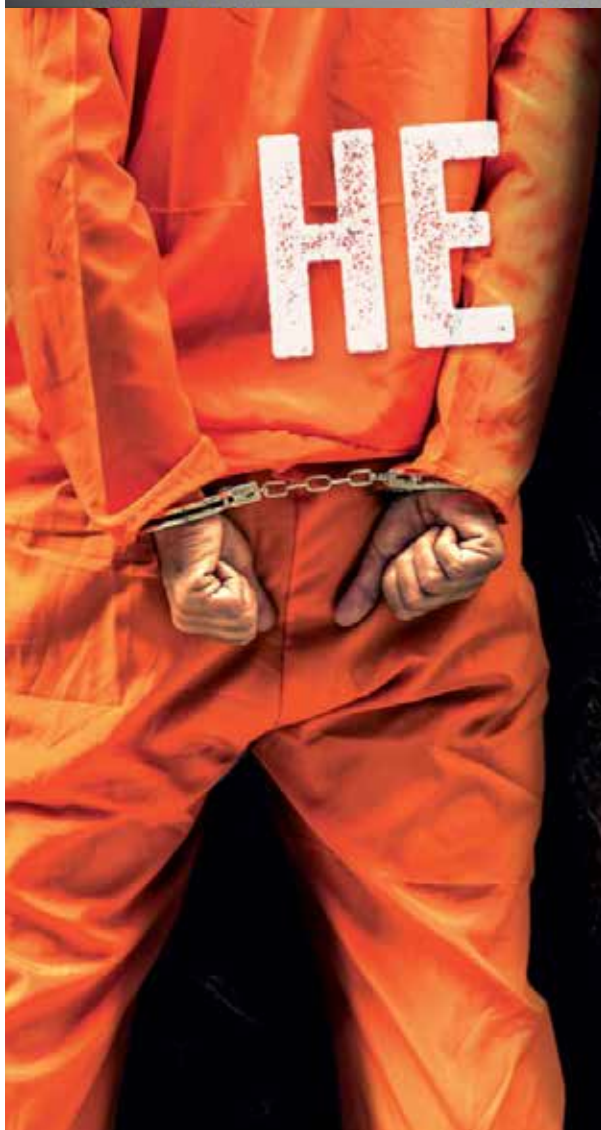
AUGUST—NOVEMBER 2014

57 ARRESTS MADE (170 YTD)

191 CHARGES FILED (467 YTD)

991 TIPS WERE RECEIVED (2900 YTD)

21 FUGITIVES APPREHENDED (69 YTD)



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CSGA SUCCESSES



A Crime Stopper's tip led to the arrest of a second suspect in the brutal murder of a man and his pregnant girlfriend. Police say Briana Brooks, 21, and Jeronta Brown, 24, were tied up and left on the side of Ridge Avenue. Atlanta, Ga. Police have made a second arrest following the murder of a man and his pregnant girlfriend.

Richard August Wilson, a.k.a "Fathead," was captured in Birmingham Thursday morning by US Marshals agents. Police say he was trying to sell an assault rifle at a pawn shop when he was taken into custody.

Police arrested their first suspect, Andre Gay, early this week and he has since been charged with kidnapping and murdering Jeronta Brown and Briana Brooks. Channel 2's Ryan Young broke the news about Gay being arrested on Channel 2 Action News Monday morning.

Investigators said the couple was kidnapped and held for \$150,000 ransom in August. When the kidnappers did not get their money, they handcuffed Brown and Brooks, shot them execution style and left them on the side of an Atlanta road.

Richard August Wilson, a.k.a "Fathead," was captured in Birmingham Thursday morning by US Marshals agents. Police say he was trying to sell an assault rifle at a pawn shop when he was taken into custody.

Wilson did not put up any resistance when he was taken into custody according to the US Marshals. Three weapons, including an assault rifle, were recovered as well.

Wilson was wanted for an additional unrelated murder in Fulton County that occurred in January 2014, as well as for federal probation violations.

"This case clearly highlights the value of the Crime Stoppers Atlanta program and its ability to assist law enforcement, specifically us, the US Marshals, in getting violent and dangerous human beings off the street and in custody," said Chief Inspector Keith Booker, Commander of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force. (From WSB-TV, October 2, 2014)



Teen Ambassadors Against Crime Leadership Program

Established in 2004, Crime Stoppers of Greater New Orleans Teen Ambassadors Against Crime (TAAC) Leadership Program helps students gain a better understanding of the criminal justice arena. “Our TAAC program provides high school youth who are interested in public safety an opportunity to engage in ongoing, active participation in crime prevention and be groomed as future leaders who will make positive impacts on our community,” Darlene Cusanza, President and CEO of Crime Stoppers GNO, said. TAAC’s goal is to help students engage with law enforcement and other community partners, and to help them become empowered to serve as crime prevention role models for their peers and other teens in their community.

As role models, Ambassadors eagerly serve their community. During the current filming of a series of short educational videos that showcase teen topics related to crime prevention and safety, TAAC members provide assistance in writing scripts and performing as cast members in the videos.



This year TAAC encompasses 30 Teen Ambassadors, selected by school administrators for the academic year, representing 16 public, private and parochial schools from Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany parishes. “The primary benefits of serving as an Ambassador are the opportunities students have to engage and network with their peers in meaningful discussions concerning crime and to see for themselves how the criminal justice system works,” Cusanza said. “Ambassadors also get on the job training and are equipped with skills in violence prevention and conflict resolution. Our priority to grow as a program and continue trainings is so that these young adults can direct others to utilize Crimestoppers GNO as a trusted resource in preventing and solving crime.”



TAAC students participate in a series of bi-monthly meetings at multiple sites to learn about community resources. “So far this school year, the students have benefitted from presentations about Crime Stoppers basics and the law. They’ve also learned what it means to work as an investigator during an interactive “You Be the Detective” activity designed to teach the importance of learning how to solve a crime,” Cusanza said.

“Recently, the group visited the New Orleans Family Justice Center to learn how to identify and prevent teen dating violence,” Cusanza said. “The teens toured the facilities and were introduced to a variety of services offered by the Justice Center including the prevention of family violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and stalking.”

Upcoming meetings include a detailed tour at the Jefferson Parish Crime Lab, a day-long Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE) Course, a hands on, staged Mock Trial and a much anticipated visit to a firing range, prison, 911 center and S.W.A.T facility.

To date, Crime Stoppers GNO has graduated three cohorts of Ambassadors and continues to receive positive feedback on program services. As former TAAC member and now college sophomore, Raymond Price, states “I’ve learned so much as an Ambassador, it was truly an honor to be a part of the program and partake in such a rewarding experience.”



Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana Fall 2014 Shred-it Fundraiser

On October 25, 2014 Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana conducted its Fall Community Shred-it Event. The event was conducted at six locations in the Central Indiana area. Each location had a sponsoring law enforcement partner which helped with manpower and traffic issues. The event was held at several different venues. The locations consisted of a local TV station, a high school, a regional shopping mall, a strip mall, and two police departments.

Prior to the event, our local newspaper and several of the community papers ran ads for the event to help with exposure. Two of the locations were sponsored by local TV Stations (WTHR and WISH-TV). To help get the word out, our two local utilities put a notice with the bill of every utility customer. Our volunteers for the event came from police citizens academies, Boy Scouts of America, police explorer units, and of course our board members and their friends and family.

The event consisted of three components, the first being the shredding of personal documents. We used over 10 trucks from the Shred-it Corporation for the event. Citizens were asked to donate \$5 for each box of documents shredded. Our local Shred-it office charges us nothing to use their trucks and employees for the event. Shred it filled almost every truck they had in service that day and were prepared for the heavy flow of traffic we had.

The second component was our recycling event. We have partnered with Technology Recyclers which bring trucks to each event and dispose of small electronic items. They also guarantee to destroy every hard drive that is dropped off at the event. We have the local TV station (WTHR) do a live shot of their portable crusher destroying a hard drive an hour before the event starts. We do not charge for this service but Technology Recyclers makes a donation back to Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana for the partnership.

Our third component has changed over time. This year we replaced our prescription take back with a "free blue light bulbs/show your support for local police" component. Walmart donated over 3,000 blue light bulbs for the event. In Central Indiana it is becoming a show of support for local law enforcement if you place a blue light bulb in your outside lamp post. We gave away over 2500 blue light bulbs during the event.

Overall the event was a great success for the community and Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana. We do this event twice a year in April and October and it would not be possible without the support of our local law enforcement, Shred-it Corporation, Technology Recyclers, local media, our many volunteers and others too numerous to mention. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at SteveDuBois@CrimeTips.org

Steve DuBois
Director/Coordinator
Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana







Texas CRIME ★ STOPPERS

Recap of the 26th Annual Texas Crime Stoppers Conference

Thank you to everyone who attended the 26th Annual Texas Crime Stoppers Conference! The conference was a huge success thanks to our host program, Crime Stoppers of Beaumont. Highlights of the conference included the Casino Bus Trip, Dr. Tomi Grover's human trafficking presentations, the Blend of the Bayou fun night, Captain Raymond Dupuis's keynote presentation on the Boston Marathon bombing, the Texas' Best Awards Banquet, the Bordertown: Laredo presentation, and the ALERRT presentation, just to name a few.



CERTIFICATES

If you turned in your Training Form, but did **NOT** receive a certificate, we will mail certificates to your local program by **November 1**. If you have questions regarding the Training Certificates, please contact Lindsey Ratcliff at Lindsey.Ratcliff@gov.texas.gov.

PRESENTATIONS AND MATERIALS

Conference presentations and materials are available to download [here](#).

PHOTOS

To view and download photos from this year's conference, visit the Texas Crime Stoppers Flickr account [here](#).

26th Annual Texas' Best Awards

We received many outstanding nominations this year for the Texas Best Awards and are truly amazed by the talent and dedication of the local crime stoppers programs in Texas.



Detective Marvin Hyvl received the **2014 George Landry Coordinator of the Year** award for his exemplary service and leadership during his 27 years as Coordinator of the Walker County/Huntsville Crime Stoppers. Det. Hyvl is a tireless advocate for his crime stoppers program and speaks to numerous community groups. His dedication is shown through organizing and hosting events such as Crime Prevention Workshops, National Night Out, and various fundraisers and food drives. Det. Hyvl was even recognized by Huntsville City Council for his volunteer efforts with the Walker County/Huntsville Crime Stoppers organization.

Blanca Cardenas of the McAllen Crime Stoppers received the **2014 Board Member of the Year** award for her passion and determination to give back to the community through her local crime stoppers program. Ms. Cardenas served on the board since 2006 and served as President for the last three years. She has demonstrated true leadership in taking McAllen Crime Stoppers to another level within the community and instilled a sense of pride to strive for the next level of excellence. Ms. Cardenas played an instrumental role in raising \$40,000 for the first annual Viva McAllen Streets, a cycling and racing event for the community.

Please visit our website [here](#) to see a complete list of the 26th Annual Texas' Best Award Winners.

Save the Date for the 20th Annual Campus Conference!



The **20th Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference** will be **February 2-4, 2015**, in McAllen Texas. The La Joya ISD Campus Crime Stoppers program, host of this year's conference, is working hard to ensure this year's conference will be the best yet.

More information and online registration will be available soon at thetexascrimestoppers.org.

Deadline for the 20th Annual Texas' Best Campus Awards

The Texas' Best Campus Awards are presented by the Texas Crime Stoppers Council to recognize campus crime stoppers programs for their outstanding community involvement and commitment to safer schools. The awards include the following: Coordinator of the Year, Board Member of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Publicity Awards and Productivity Awards.

The deadline for this year's awards is **Friday, January 9, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. CST**.



Awards will be presented at the **20th Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference** in McAllen on February 3, 2015. Winners of the **Traveling Trophy Award** and the **Poster Contests** will also be announced at the conference.

Local programs will receive an email announcement regarding the awards by November 1. For questions, email TxCrimeStoppers@gov.texas.gov or call (512) 463-1919.

First Annual Crime Stoppers Legislative Day



Mark your calendar for the first annual **Crime Stoppers Legislative Day on Monday, February 23, 2015** at the **Texas State Capitol in Austin**. This will be an exciting opportunity for coordinators, volunteers, board members, and students to come together and share the importance of local crime stoppers programs with their representatives and senators.

The Crime Stoppers Legislative Day is tentatively scheduled for **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** and will include a speaker, "how-to" seminar, special proclamation ceremony, and then coordinated visits for local programs to meet with their representative and senator.

Hotel reservations in Austin during Legislative Session are very limited. The following hotels are within walking distance to the Capitol:

[Double Tree Suites](#) (on W. 15th St.)
[Hampton Inn and Suites at University/Capitol](#)
[LaQuinta Inn Austin Capitol](#)
[Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol](#)

Texas Crime Stoppers Challenge Coin



There is still time to purchase your Texas Crime Stoppers Challenge Coin at the special preorder price of \$10.00. Coins will be available at the Texas Crime Stoppers Conference in McAllen, February 2-4, 2015. Shipping is available for \$1 per coin if you are unable to attend the conference. The price will increase to \$15 per coin after January 1. The coins make great gifts for your board members, coordinators, and volunteers. For more information and to purchase your challenge coin, click [here](#).

Submit Your Quarterly Statistics by October 31

All certified programs are required to submit quarterly statistical reports to the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) by Friday, October 31, 2014. To submit your reports, click [here](#). For questions, contact Megan McIntire with PPRI at (979) 845-1041 or mmcintire@ppri.tamu.edu.

Dates to Remember

October 22 – Financial Status Reports due from grant recipients

October 31 – Quarterly stats due to PPRI

January 9 – Texas' Best Campus Awards Entries Due

February 2-4 – Annual Texas Crime Stoppers Campus Conference, McAllen

February 23 – Crime Stoppers Legislative Day

Texas Crime Stoppers Council

Next Scheduled Council Meeting:

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

9:00 a.m.

McAllen, Tx

Contact your council members [here](#).

Questions?

[Kelly McBride](#)

Executive Director, (512) 463-1715

- Texas Crime Stoppers Council
- Program Certification
- Technical Assistance

[Le'Darrion Allen](#)

Program Specialist, (512) 475-4832

- Grants
- Program Certification
- Technical Assistance

[Lindsey Ratcliff](#)

Program Coordinator, (512) 463-1824

- Program Development
- Community Outreach
- Social Media

[Elaine Williams](#)

Training Specialist, (512) 463-1914

- Training
- Conferences
- Technical Assistance

Kansas City Crime Stoppers Sneak Preview

Kevin Bohem, Crime Stoppers Coordinator, shared the logos prepared for a new car to be donated soon by Randy Reed Buick GMC, Inc. to the area program.



Tennessee Crime Stoppers Celebration

The Jackson and Madison County Crime Stoppers program is having their annual Christmas Dinner at 5:30 PM at the Flat Iron Grille Dec.15th. The County Judges, City Mayors and their wives are guests.

20th Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference

[To register, click here](#)

WHEN: February 2-4, 2015 (*conference kicks off at noon on 2/2*)

WHERE: McAllen, Texas

WHAT: The 20th Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference joins campus crime stoppers programs from across Texas to exchange ideas and discover resources while addressing common issues among campus crime stoppers programs.

WHO: Hosted by La Joya ISD Crime Stoppers

Conference Registration Fee

\$125 – through January 9, 2015

\$200 – January 10th – January 23, 2015

\$250 – Onsite registration

The conference registration fee includes the breakout sessions, the fun night event including dinner, and the awards banquet dinner. **Please note:** lunch on Monday and Tuesday is on your own.

Payment accepted by credit card or check.

Everyone must register online. Payments will be made to La Joya ISD Campus Crime Stoppers. You may complete your registration online and pay by credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, you must print your online registration confirmation and mail it with a check to:

La Joya ISD Campus Crime Stoppers
Attn: Officer Carlos Garcia
7209 Ann Richards Road
Mission, Texas 78572

Spouse or Guests Tickets

If you wish to purchase tickets for a guest or a spouse to attend the Fun Night on or the Annual Awards Banquet, the tickets are \$25 each for the Fun Night and the Annual Awards Banquet. You can select these tickets on your online registration.

Conference Location

McAllen Convention Center
700 Convention Center Boulevard
McAllen, Texas 78501
Phone: (956) 681-3800

Conference Hotel

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1921 South 10th St.
McAllen, Tx 78503
[\(956\) 994-0505](tel:(956)994-0505)

\$86 per night for standard room
\$109 per night for suite

To reserve your room, call [\(956\) 994-0505](tel:(956)994-0505) and tell them you are with Campus Crime Stoppers.

Rooms are also available at the Studio 6 Extended Stay on 700 Savannah Ave., McAllen, TX 78503. To reserve your room, call (956) 668-7829, and tell them you are with Campus Crime Stoppers.

Special Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made for attendees with special needs. If you need special assistance, please contact Texas Crime Stoppers at txcrimestoppers@gov.texas.gov.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be requested in writing and emailed to TxCrimeStoppers@gov.texas.gov by January 16, 2015. There is a \$75 cancellation fee after January 16.

- See more at: <http://thetexascrimestoppers.org/training-2/conferences/2015-campus-conference/#sthash.Qcrh2yhe.dpuf>

HAVE YOU VISITED THE CSUSA STORE?

By Charlie Taraboletti



If you were fortunate enough to have attended the outstanding training conference in Austin, TX you probably noticed that the Crime Stoppers USA board members were wearing shirts with the CSUSA logo. Some wore short-sleeved shirts while others wore long-sleeved shirts. Well you can have your own just like them and a whole lot more.

Crime Stoppers USA branded items are available to you, your board members, and the general public through a link online at www.crimestoppersusa.com. Crime Stoppers USA worked with MACCO Promotions to set up the online store (at no cost to CSUSA) to make the items available to you.

What better way to “warm up” a call on a potential supporter for your next fund-raiser than with a Crime Stoppers branded coffee mug. Maybe let them know that their help is “key” to your program’s success. Do it with a Crime Stoppers Key Chain, or just “cut” through all the clutter with a pocket knife.



By wearing your brand, you say to everyone you meet that you support the goals and mission of not only your local Crime Stoppers program but also those of Crime Stoppers USA. There are hoodies, T-Shirts, and ball caps (two styles of camo plus the distinctive CSUSA blue). Men’s and women’s sizes plus youth sizes are available for members of your family or for the board members that are part of your scholastic program.

Just go to www.crimestoppersusa.com. You’ll find the link on the home page, just a little below the banner ad for TNT’s Cold Justice. By the way, the network continues to run public service announcements telling people to call 1-800-222-TIPS with their information and that all calls are anonymous.



Promote your program everywhere you go. As traffic to store warrants, new items will be added, so check back frequently. Macco can also design special items for your Crime Stoppers Program.



OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL PAGE

REMEMBERING ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S HEROES

"When a police officer is killed, it's not an agency that loses an officer, it's an entire nation." -Chris Cosgriff, ODMP Founder

Honoring Officers Killed in 2014



[Deputy Sheriff David "Bubba" Johnson](#)
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, TN
EOW: Sunday, January 12, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Agent Carlos Rivera-Vega](#)
Puerto Rico Police Department, PR
EOW: Tuesday, January 21, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Detective Sergeant Tom Smith](#)
Bay Area Rapid Transit Police Department, CA
EOW: Tuesday, January 21, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire (Accidental)



[Police Officer Kristian Willhight](#)
Burns Flat Police Department, OK
EOW: Thursday, January 23, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicle pursuit



[Undersheriff Brian Beck](#)
Washita County Sheriff's Office, OK
EOW: Thursday, January 23, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicle pursuit



[Sergeant David Baldwin](#)
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, CO
EOW: Sunday, January 26, 2014
Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident



[Animal Control Officer Eddie Maurice Hamer](#)
Hardeman County Sheriff's Office, TN
EOW: Monday, January 27, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Sergeant Cory Wride](#)
Utah County Sheriff's Office, UT
EOW: Thursday, January 30, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Deputy Sheriff Percy Lee House, III](#)
Greensville County Sheriff's Office, VA
EOW: Friday, January 31, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Scott Pine](#)
Orange County Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Correctional Officer Amanda Baker](#)
Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, NE
EOW: Sunday, February 16, 2014
Cause of Death: Assault



[Officer Brian Law](#)
California Highway Patrol, CA
EOW: Monday, February 17, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Officer Juan Gonzalez](#)
California Highway Patrol, CA
EOW: Monday, February 17, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Detective John Hobbs](#)
Phoenix Police Department, AZ
EOW: Monday, March 3, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer III Nicholas Choung Lee](#)
Los Angeles Police Department, CA
EOW: Friday, March 7, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Agent Joaquín Correa-Ortega](#)
Puerto Rico Police Department, PR
EOW: Monday, March 10, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Officer Jason Crisp](#)
United States Department of Agriculture -
Forest Service Law Enforcement and
Investigations, US
EOW: Wednesday, March 12, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer Marc Uland Kelley](#)
Trinity University Police Department, TX
EOW: Friday, March 14, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Chief Deputy Sheriff Pete Richardson](#)
Lafayette County Sheriff's Office, AR
EOW: Monday, March 17, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Police Officer James Morrissy](#)
Oak Forest Police Department, IL
EOW: Monday, March 17, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Deputy Sheriff Ricky Del Fiorentino](#)
Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, CA
EOW: Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer Robert German](#)
Windermere Police Department, FL
EOW: Saturday, March 22, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Master-at-Arms Mark Mayo](#)
United States Navy Security Forces, US
EOW: Monday, March 24, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Officer Mark H. Larson](#)
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Monday, March 24, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Police Officer Alexander Thalmann](#)
New Bern Police Department, NC
EOW: Monday, March 31, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer David W. Smith](#)
Johnson City Police Department, NY
EOW: Monday, March 31, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer Gregg Maloney](#)
Plymouth Police Department, MA
EOW: Tuesday, April 1, 2014
Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident



[Deputy Sheriff Ernest T. Franklin](#)
Barren County Sheriff's Office, KY
EOW: Wednesday, April 2, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Police Officer Dennis Guerra](#)
New York City Police Department, NY
EOW: Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Cause of Death: Fire



[Police Officer II Chris Cortijo](#)
Los Angeles Police Department, CA
EOW: Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Agent Marielis Morales-Santiago](#)
Puerto Rico Police Department, PR
EOW: Thursday, April 10, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Deputy Sheriff Michael J. Seversen](#)
Polk County Sheriff's Office, WI
EOW: Monday, April 14, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Deputy Sheriff William Heath Kelley](#)
Covington County Sheriff's Office, AL
EOW: Friday, April 18, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Deputy Sheriff Bryan Marshall Berger](#)
Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office, VA
EOW: Monday, April 28, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Trooper Gabriel Rich](#)
Alaska State Troopers, AK
EOW: Thursday, May 1, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Sergeant Patrick Scott Johnson](#)
Alaska State Troopers, AK
EOW: Thursday, May 1, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer II Roberto C. Sanchez](#)
Los Angeles Police Department, CA
EOW: Saturday, May 3, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Trooper Chelsea Richard](#)
Florida Highway Patrol, FL
EOW: Saturday, May 3, 2014
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle



[Police Officer Noel Lee Hawk](#)
Eatonton Police Department, GA
EOW: Sunday, May 4, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Master Sergeant John Collum](#)
Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, MS
EOW: Friday, May 9, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Police Officer Michael Alexander Petrina](#)
Metro Nashville Police Department, TN
EOW: Saturday, May 10, 2014
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle



[Detective Charles Dinwiddie](#)
Killeen Police Department, TX
EOW: Sunday, May 11, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Patrolman Stephen Arkell](#)
Brentwood Police Department, NH
EOW: Monday, May 12, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Deputy Sheriff Steven LaCruz "Cruz" Thomas](#)
Franklin County Sheriff's Office, GA
EOW: Wednesday, May 21, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Correctional Officer Chad Charles](#)
Michigan Department of Corrections, MI
EOW: Wednesday, May 21, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Police Officer Jair Cabrera](#)
Salt River Police Department, TR
EOW: Saturday, May 24, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Border Patrol Agent Alexander Giannini](#)

United States Department of Homeland Security - Customs and Border Protection
- United States Border Patrol, US
EOW: Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Trooper Christopher Skinner](#)

New York State Police, NY
EOW: Thursday, May 29, 2014

Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Special Deputy Marshal Frank McKnight](#)

United States Department of Justice -
United States Marshals Service, US
EOW: Thursday, May 29, 2014

Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle



[Police Officer Brian Jones](#)

Norfolk Police Department, VA
EOW: Friday, May 30, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Sergeant Paul Buckles](#)

Potter County Sheriff's Office, TX
EOW: Friday, May 30, 2014

Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Police Officer Kevin Dorian Jordan](#)

Griffin Police Department, GA
EOW: Saturday, May 31, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Sergeant Daryl Giles](#)

Philadelphia School Police Department, PA
EOW: Monday, June 2, 2014

Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Police Officer Igor Soldo](#)

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police
Department, NV

EOW: Sunday, June 8, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer Alyn Beck](#)

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police
Department, NV

EOW: Sunday, June 8, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer Scott Hewell](#)

Stockton Police Department, CA
EOW: Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Chief of Police Lee Dixon](#)

Little River-Academy Police Department,
TX

EOW: Thursday, June 19, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Deputy Sheriff Allen Bares, Jr.](#)

Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office, LA
EOW: Monday, June 23, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Deputy Sheriff Jacob Daniel Calvin](#)

Tipton County Sheriff's Office, IN

EOW: Saturday, June 28, 2014

Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Officer Perry W. Renn](#)

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police
Department, IN

EOW: Saturday, July 5, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Patrolman Jeffrey Brady Westerfield](#)

Gary Police Department, IN

EOW: Sunday, July 6, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Detective Melvin Santiago](#)

Jersey City Police Department, NJ

EOW: Sunday, July 13, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer Christopher Goodell](#)

Waldwick Police Department, NJ

EOW: Thursday, July 17, 2014

Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Police Officer Scott Patrick](#)

Mendota Heights Police Department, MN

EOW: Wednesday, July 30, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Sheriff Mark A. Hecker](#)

Butler County Sheriff's Office, NE

EOW: Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Lieutenant Patrick Libertone](#)

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department,
CA

EOW: Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Deputy Sheriff Joseph James Dunn](#)

Cascade County Sheriff's Office, MT

EOW: Thursday, August 14, 2014

Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Chief of Police Michael Pimentel](#)

Elmendorf Police Department, TX

EOW: Saturday, August 23, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Agent Geniel Amaro-Fantauzzi](#)

Puerto Rico Police Department, PR

EOW: Monday, August 25, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Constable Cleve Johnson](#)

Titus County Constable's Office - Precinct
2, TX

EOW: Thursday, August 28, 2014

Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Police Officer Daryl Pierson](#)

Rochester Police Department, NY

EOW: Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Patrolman II Nickolaus E. Schultz](#)
Merrillville Police Department, IN
EOW: Sunday, September 7, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Corporal Jason E. Harwood](#)
Topeka Police Department, KS
EOW: Sunday, September 7, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Deputy Sheriff Joseph Matuskovic](#)
Charleston County Sheriff's Office, SC
EOW: Monday, September 8, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Border Patrol Agent Tyler R. Robledo](#)
United States Department of Homeland
Security - Customs and Border Protection -
United States Border Patrol, US
EOW: Friday, September 12, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Corporal Bryon Keith Dickson, II](#)
Pennsylvania State Police, PA
EOW: Friday, September 12, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Deputy Sheriff Michael Norris](#)
Monroe County Sheriff's Office, GA
EOW: Sunday, September 14, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer Reinaldo Arocha, Jr.](#)
Newark Police Department, NJ
EOW: Tuesday, September 16, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Senior Deputy Jessica Laura Hollis](#)
Travis County Sheriff's Office, TX
EOW: Thursday, September 18, 2014
Cause of Death: Drowned



[Police Officer Michael Williams](#)
New York City Police Department, NY
EOW: Sunday, September 21, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Police Officer Jordan Corder](#)
Covina Police Department, CA
EOW: Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Cause of Death: Motorcycle accident



[Trooper David Kedra](#)
Pennsylvania State Police, PA
EOW: Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire (Accidental)



[Sergeant Michael Joe Naylor](#)
Midland County Sheriff's Office, TX
EOW: Thursday, October 9, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire

[Police Officer Eddie Johnson, Jr.](#)
Alton Police Department, MO
EOW: Monday, October 20, 2014

Cause of Death: Automobile accident

[Deputy Sheriff Danny Oliver](#)



Sacramento County Sheriff's Department,
CA
EOW: Friday, October 24, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Investigator Michael David Davis, Jr.](#)
Placer County Sheriff's Department, CA
EOW: Friday, October 24, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Detective Kagan Dindar](#)
Clarksville Police Department, TN
EOW: Friday, October 24, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Deputy Sheriff John Timothy Williamson](#)
Butler County Sheriff's Office, AL
EOW: Saturday, October 25, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Officer Anthony Haase](#)
Rio Rancho Police Department, NM
EOW: Sunday, October 26, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Patrolman Robert Blajszczak](#)
Summerville Police Department, SC
EOW: Sunday, October 26, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Sergeant Jeffrey W. Garrett](#)
Dothan Police Department, AL
EOW: Monday, October 27, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Deputy Sheriff Eugene Kostiuchenko](#)
Ventura County Sheriff's Office, CA
EOW: Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Deputy Sheriff Jesse Valdez, III](#)
Harris County Sheriff's Office, TX
EOW: Wednesday, October 29, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Police Officer Shaun Richard Diamond](#)
Pomona Police Department, CA
EOW: Wednesday, October 29, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer David Payne](#)
Chandler Police Department, AZ
EOW: Friday, October 31, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



[Constable Robert Parker White](#)
El Paso County Constable's Office -
Precinct 1, TX
EOW: Saturday, November 1, 2014
Cause of Death: Assault



[Deputy Sheriff Matthew Chism](#)
Cedar County Sheriff's Office, MO
EOW: Sunday, November 2, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Deputy Sheriff Darrell Perritt](#)

Maury County Sheriff's Department, TN
EOW: Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicle pursuit



[Investigator Holmes Smith](#)

Clarendon County Sheriff's Department, SC
EOW: Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Police Officer Ronald A. Leisure](#)

United States Department of Veterans Affairs Police Services, US
EOW: Friday, November 14, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Police Officer Justin Winebrenner](#)

Akron Police Department, OH
EOW: Sunday, November 16, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Sergeant Jeffrey Wayne Greene](#)

Union County Sheriff's Office, NC
EOW: Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Sergeant Alejandro "Alex" Martinez](#)

Willacy County Sheriff's Office, TX
EOW: Friday, November 21, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Deputy Sheriff Christopher Smith](#)

Leon County Sheriff's Office, FL
EOW: Saturday, November 22, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Deputy Sheriff James "Bart" Hart](#)

Elmore County Sheriff's Office, AL
EOW: Sunday, November 23, 2014
Cause of Death: Automobile accident



[Agent Edwin O. Roman-Acevedo](#)

San Juan Police Department, PR
EOW: Wednesday, November 26, 2014
Cause of Death: Gunfire



[Police Officer Ernest Montoya](#)

Navajo Division of Public Safety, TR
EOW: Sunday, November 30, 2014
Cause of Death: Heart attack



[Deputy Sheriff Grant William Whitaker](#)

Ingham County Sheriff's Office, MI
EOW: Sunday, December 7, 2014
Cause of Death: Vehicle pursuit

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