

# Web Tips

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## The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

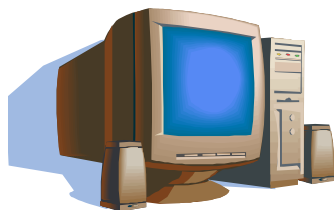
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## Why use Web Tips?

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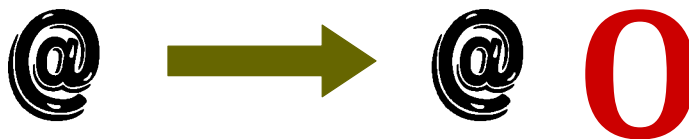
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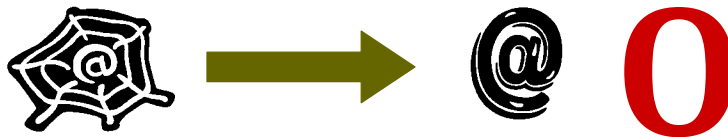
- p Interrogation: Some people feel uncomfortable when people ask them questions.
- p Not Rushed: Tipster can take their time and enter the data in private.

## Web Tip Methods

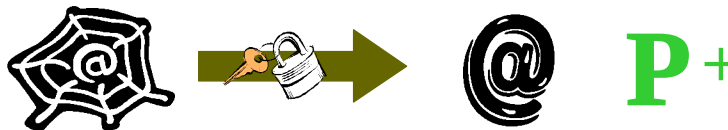
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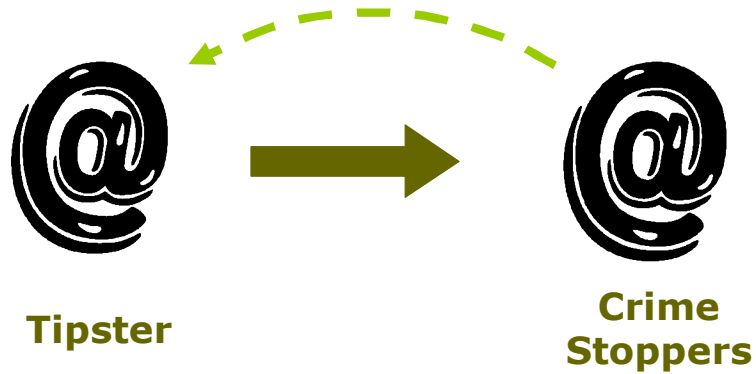


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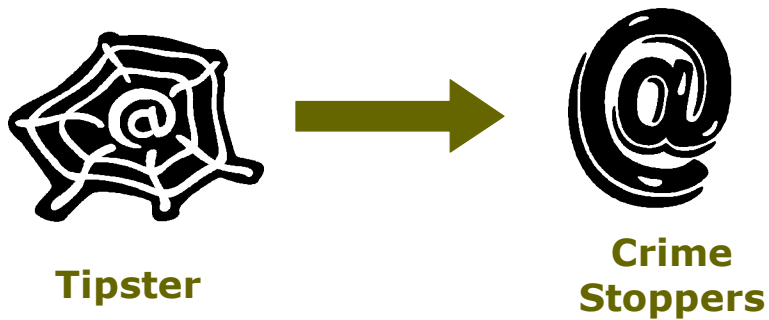
## Email to Email

- ⌘ Bad: The tipster can be **traced**.
- ⌘ Not anonymous. Not secure.



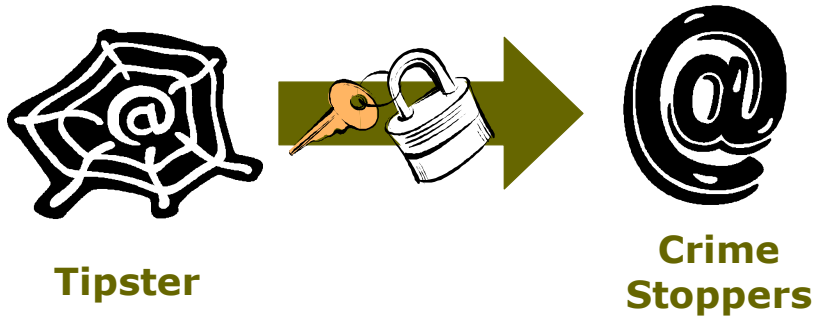
## Web to Email

- ⌘ Not secure.
- ⌘ Can be time consuming.



## Web to Email with PDF

- Tips can only be unlocked by the recipient.
- Is truly secure and anonymous if encrypted.



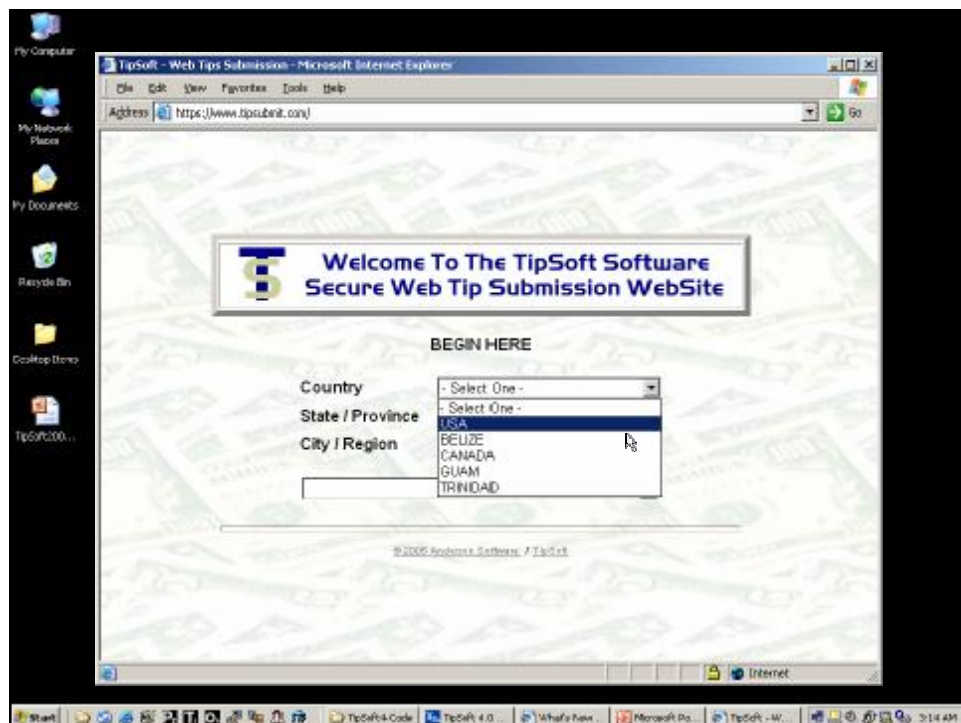
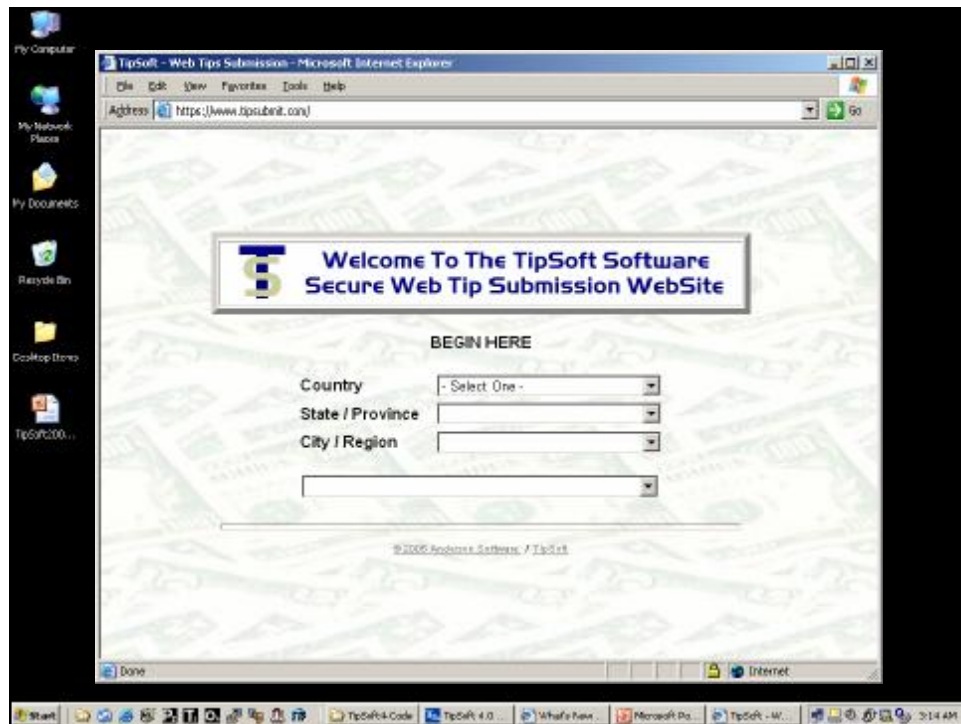
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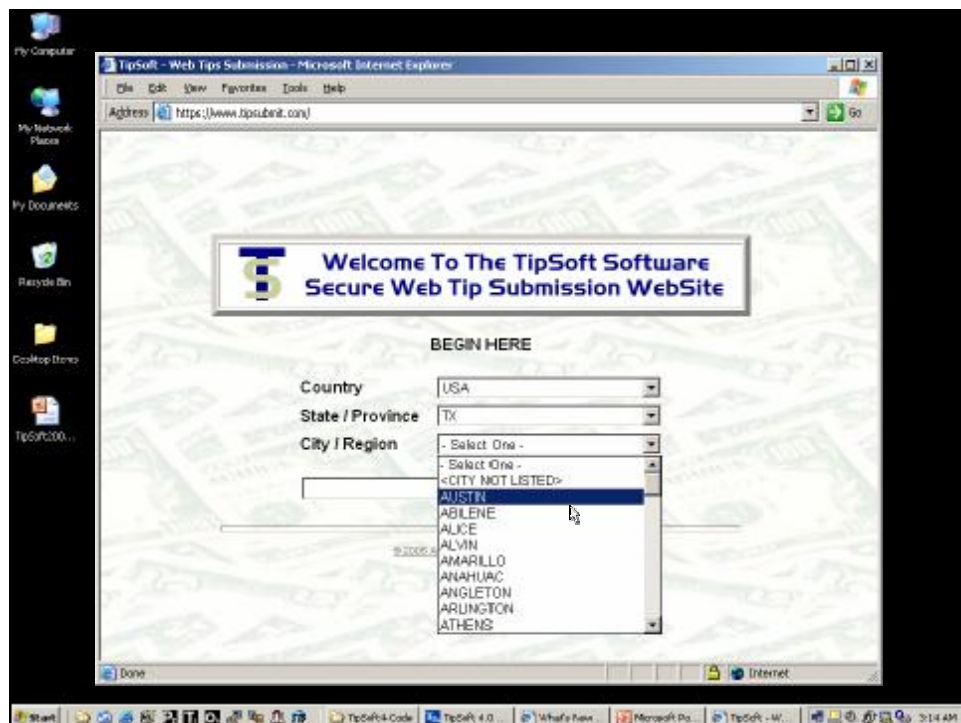
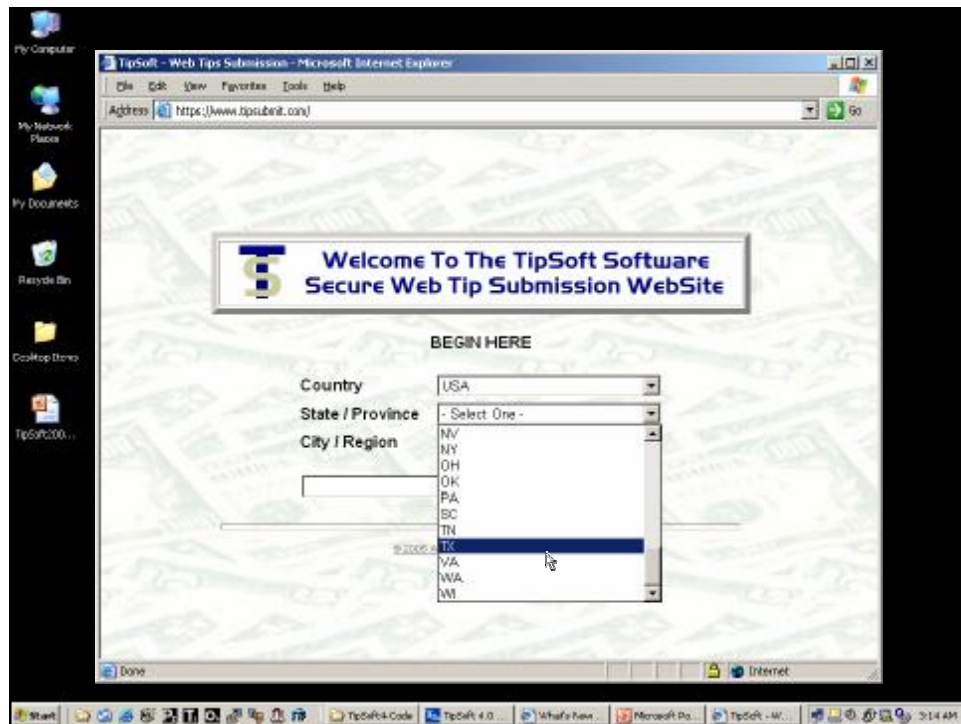
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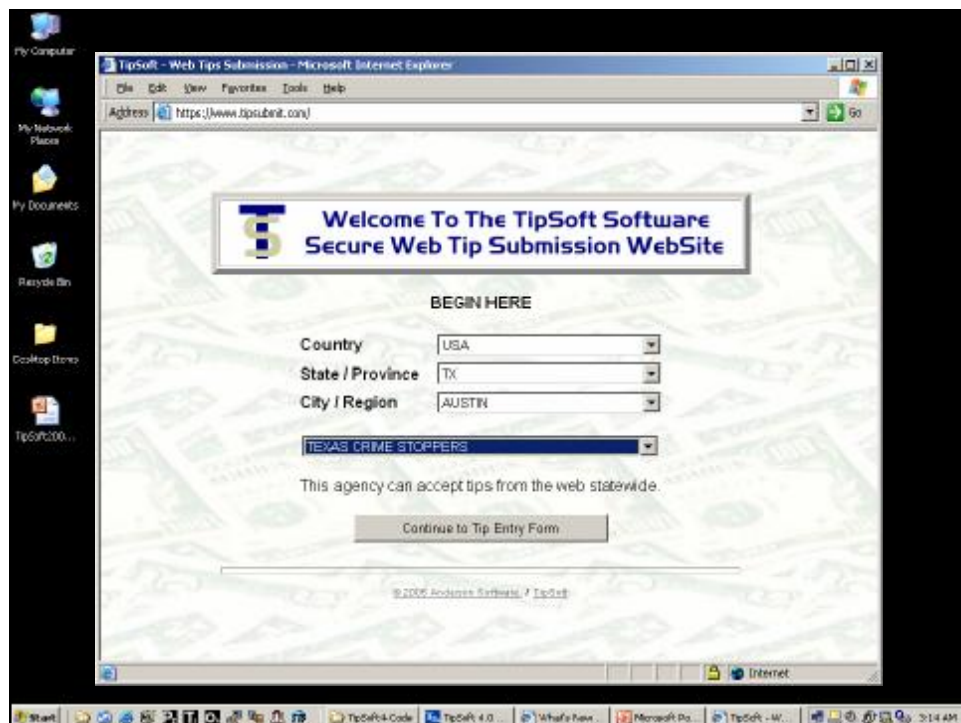
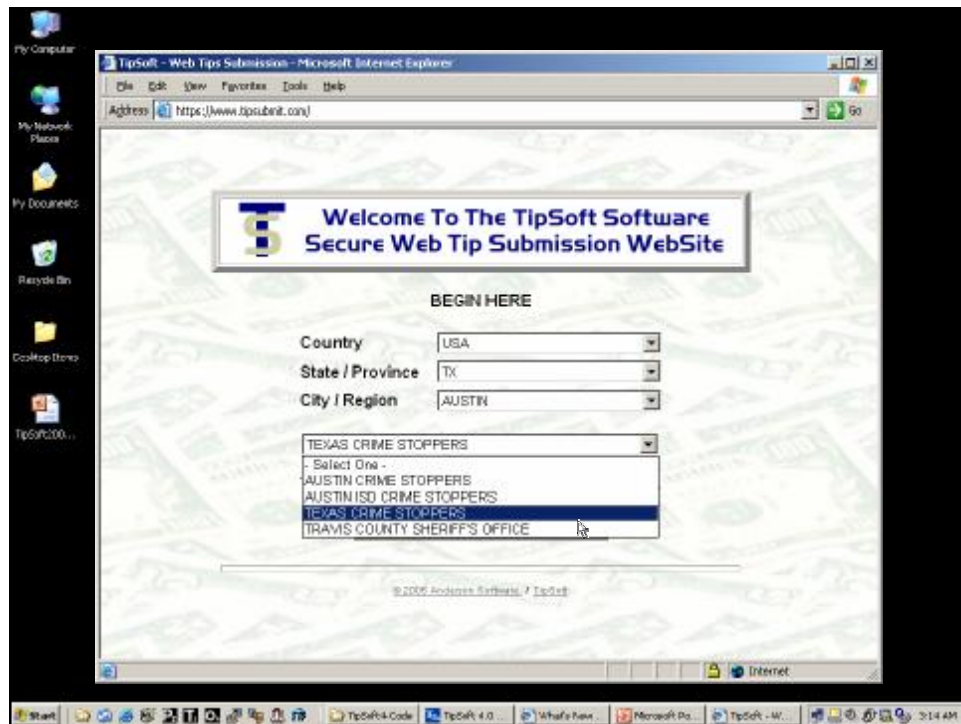
## Anderson Software's Web Tips

1. Drill Down Gateway  
[www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com)
2. Direct Link from your website









TipSoft - Web Tips Submission - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: <https://www.tpsubmit.com/>

## TipSoft Secure Web Tip Submission Form

### TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS

Fill out as much information as possible and click "Submit Tip".

#### SUSPECT INFORMATION

Suspect Name:  Aliases:

Race:  Sex:  Height:  Weight:

Age (or DOB):  Hair:  Eyes:

Suspect's Address, City, State, Zipcode, County:

Scar, Mark, Tattoo:

Suspect's Clothing:

Dogs or Animals:

Weapon:

Drug Usage:

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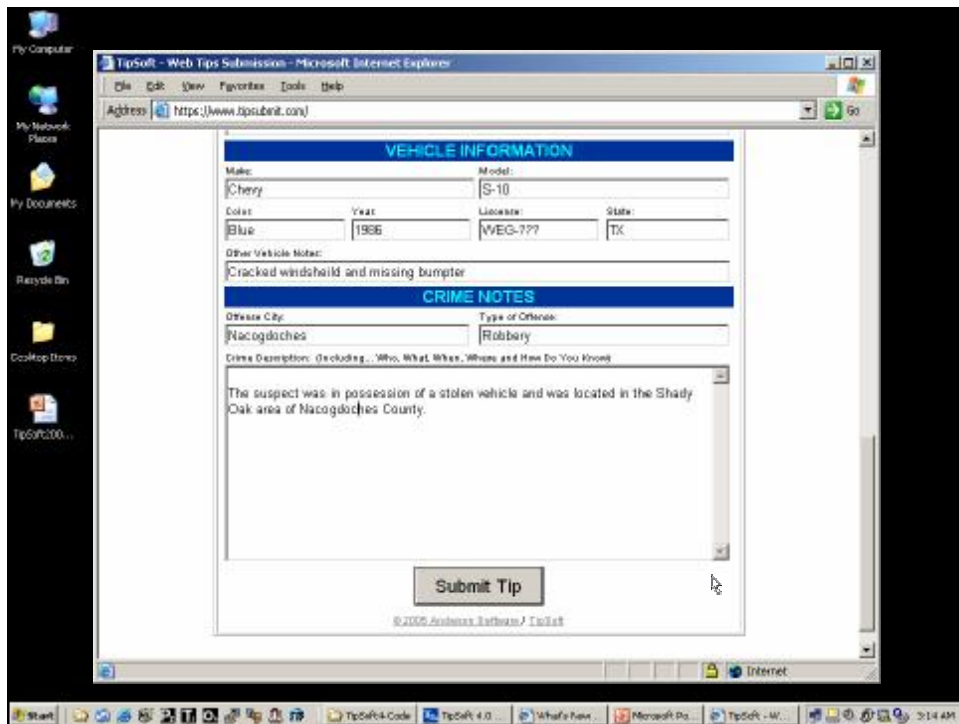
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### Calgary Crime Stoppers



CRIME NEWS RE-ENACTMENT EVENTS ASSOCIATION DONATE STORE

As a registered not for profit association the Calgary Crime Stoppers program relies on funding from a variety of community sources. Contributions from individuals, corporations, clubs, professional associations, and retailers keep the Crime Stoppers program operational. Many local businesses provide Crime Stoppers with goods and services in support of the program.

Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards of up to **\$2000** for information that leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property, or the seizure of illegal drugs. Crime Stoppers is a community program that does work!

How does the TIP LINE work?

**1-800-222-TIPS**

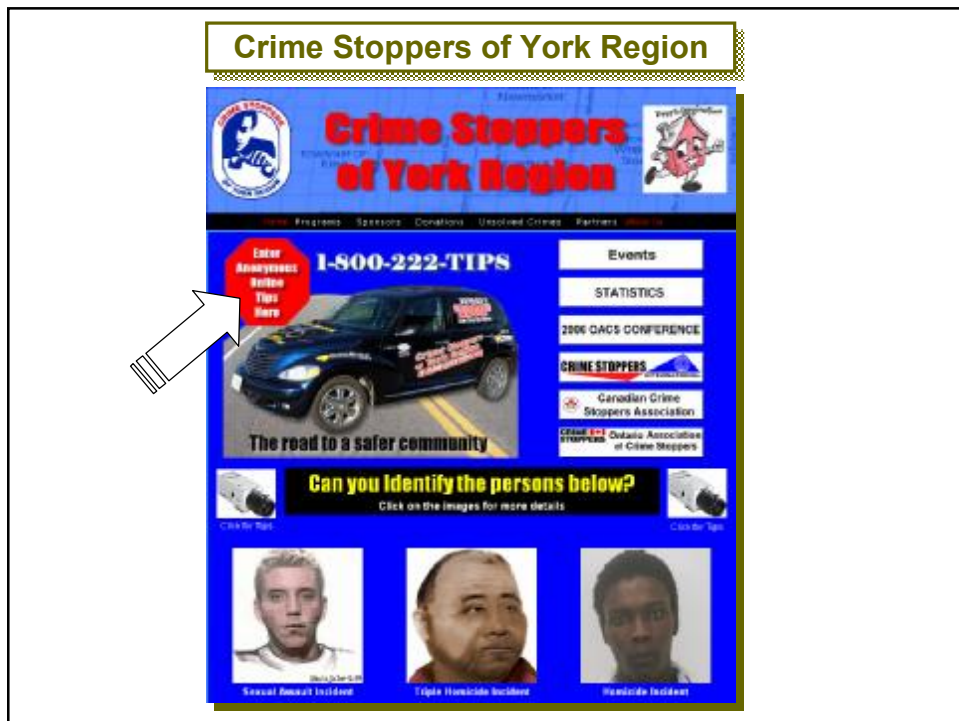
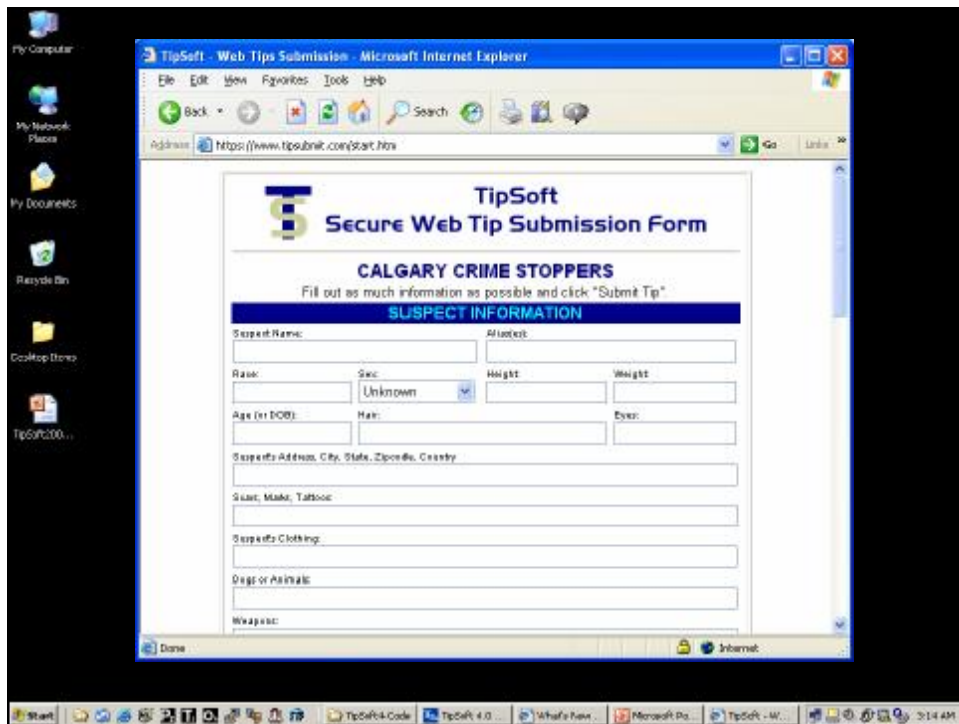
#8477 on TELUS mobility  
and #8477 on ROGERS RIMMILL

Submit your TIP HERE anonymously!

Website design provided by: h.clarke

The 2005 Crime Stoppers International Conference  
Calgary, AB, Canada, August 19 - 20, 2005

A community service provided by: CRIME STOPPERS INTERNATIONAL



## Montgomery County Crime Stoppers



The screenshot shows the Montgomery County Crime Stoppers website. At the top, there is a banner with the text "Tip Line: 1-800-392-STOP" and "FIGHTING CRIME". Below the banner, the main heading is "Montgomery County Crime Stoppers" followed by "Rewards up to \$1000... Remain Anonymous". The text explains that if you have information about a felony crime committed in Montgomery County, you can call Crime Stoppers for a reward of up to \$1,000. It also mentions that if you have information about any of the fugitives featured throughout Montgomery County news media, or any other felony crime, just call. The phone number "1-800-392-(STOP)7867" is prominently displayed, followed by a link "Click Here to submit a Web Tip". A list of instructions is provided: 1. Do not give your name. 2. Give the Call Taker as much detailed information as possible. 3. You will be given a unique code number. 4. If your tip leads to an arrest, the code number can be used to redeem your reward. At the bottom, it states "Crime Stoppers exists in law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County. One number is all you need. Remember:". A white arrow points to the "Click Here to submit a Web Tip" link.

Montgomery County Crime Stoppers

Rewards up to \$1000... Remain Anonymous

Do you have information about a felony crime committed in Montgomery County? Would you like to give this information to the proper authorities, but don't want to get involved for fear of retribution? Then you need to call Crime Stoppers of Montgomery County. You may also be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property/narcotics.

If you have information about any of the fugitives featured throughout Montgomery County news media, or any other felony crime, just call:

**1-800-392-(STOP)7867**

or

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## Crime Stoppers of the Low Country South Carolina

You can also submit a tip online by clicking the "Submit Online Tip\*" button below.

**Submit Online Tip\***

**\*Do not use** the online tip form for "Emergency Situations." For all "Emergency Situations" call 911. The online tip form opens in a new window. Fill out as much information as possible and click "Submit Tip." You will be given a **code number**. This should be kept to yourself in order to remain anonymous. After several weeks, call **Crime Stoppers**, giving your confidential tip code number and you will receive an update on the status of the investigation.



## TipSoft Secure Web Tip Submission Form

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**LOW COUNTRY CRIME STOPPERS**

Fill out as much information as possible and click "Submit Tip".

**SUSPECT INFORMATION**

|                                                  |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Suspect Name:                                    |                                                           | Alias(es):                                |                                           |
| <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>        |                                                           | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> |                                           |
| Race:                                            | Sex:                                                      | Height:                                   | Weight:                                   |
| <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>        | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Unknown"/> | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> |
| Age (or DOB):                                    | Hair:                                                     | Eyes:                                     |                                           |
| <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>        | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>                 | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> |                                           |
| Suspect's Address, City, State, Zipcode, Country |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
| <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>        |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
| Scars, Marks, Tattoos:                           |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
| <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>        |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
| Suspect's Clothing:                              |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
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| Dogs or Animals:                                 |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
| <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>        |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
| Weapons:                                         |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
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| Drug Usage:                                      |                                                           |                                           |                                           |
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## TipSoft Software Secure Web Tip Submission

**Thank you for submitting your tip.**  
 Your code number is: **W100902**

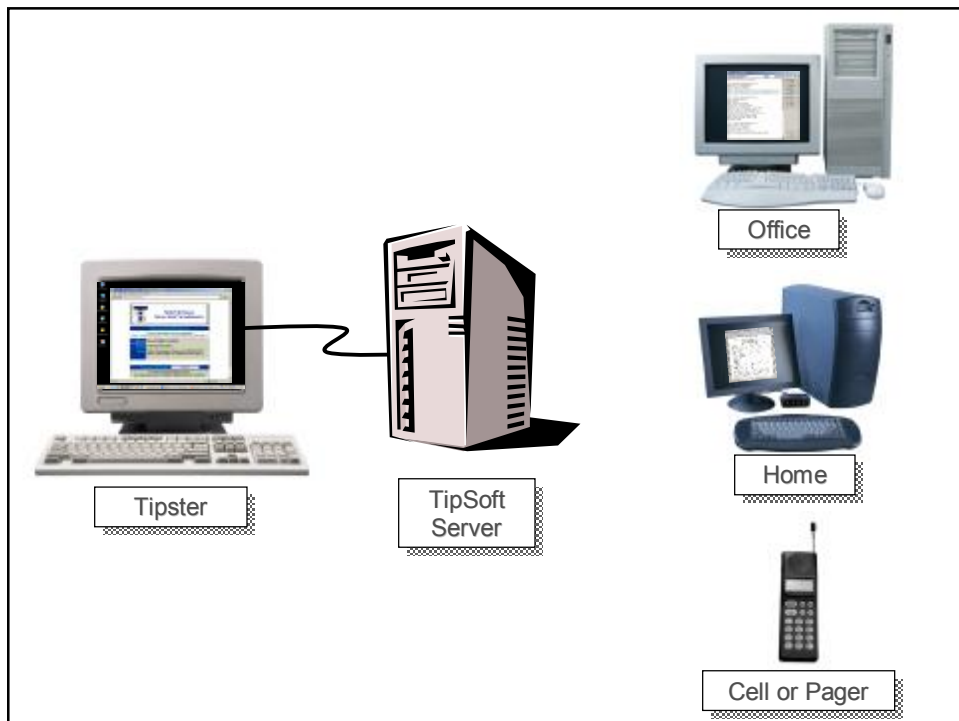
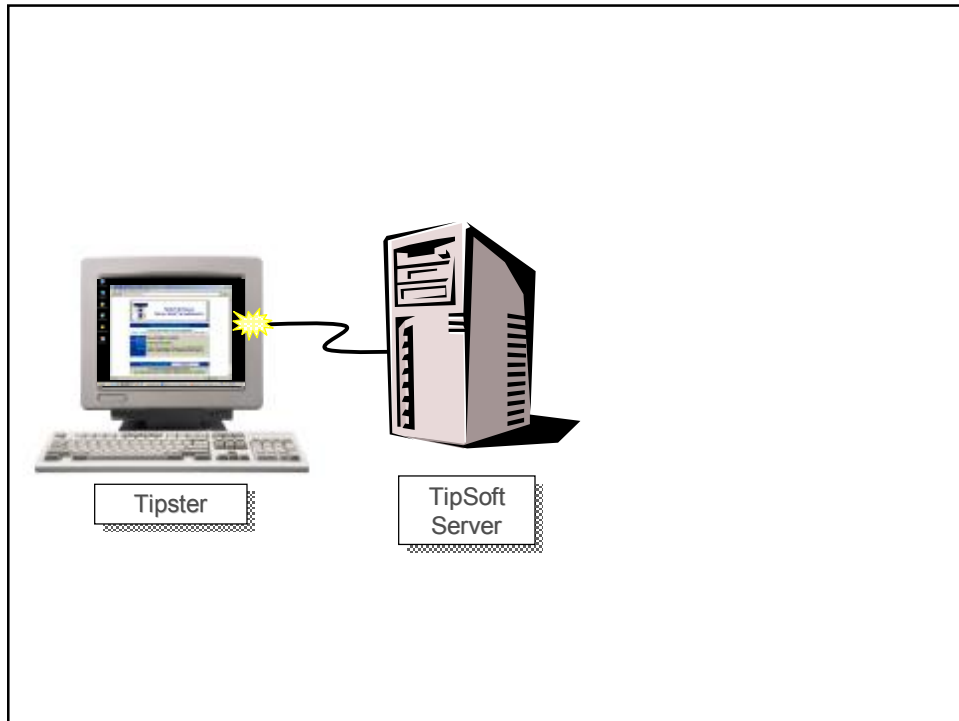
To check the status of your submission please  
contact the agency below using the following information.

|                |                                              |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Agency:</b> | LOW COUNTRY CRIME STOPPERS                   |
| <b>Phone:</b>  | (936) 669-0447                               |
| <b>Notes:</b>  | Call between 9:00am and 11:00am on weekdays. |

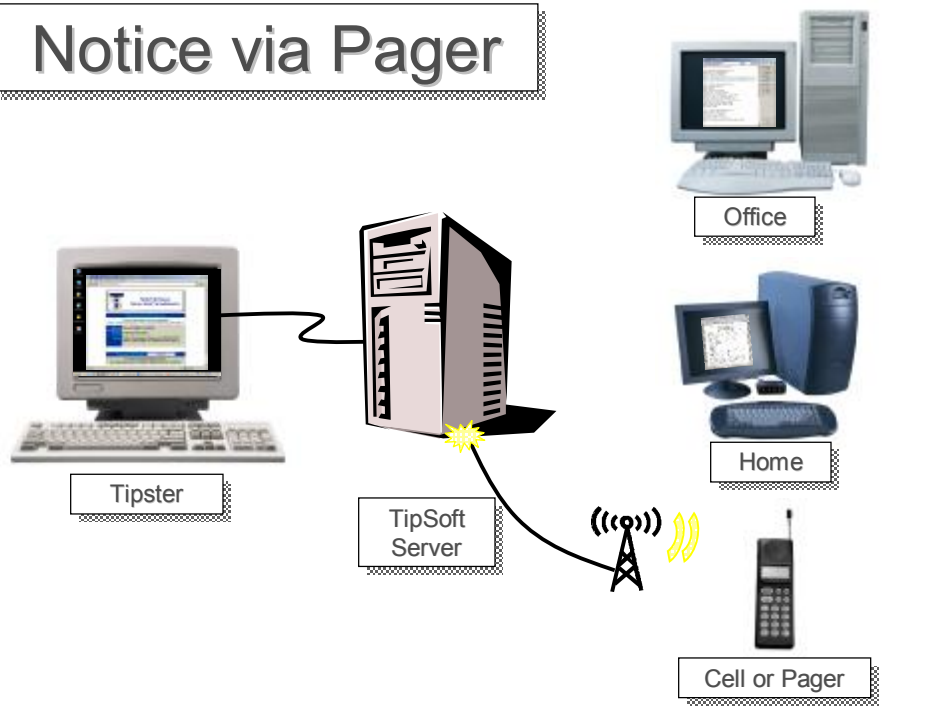
**DO NOT LOSE THE ABOVE CODE.  
IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR TIP.**

[\[ Enter Another Tip \]](#)
[\[ Close Secure Connection \]](#)

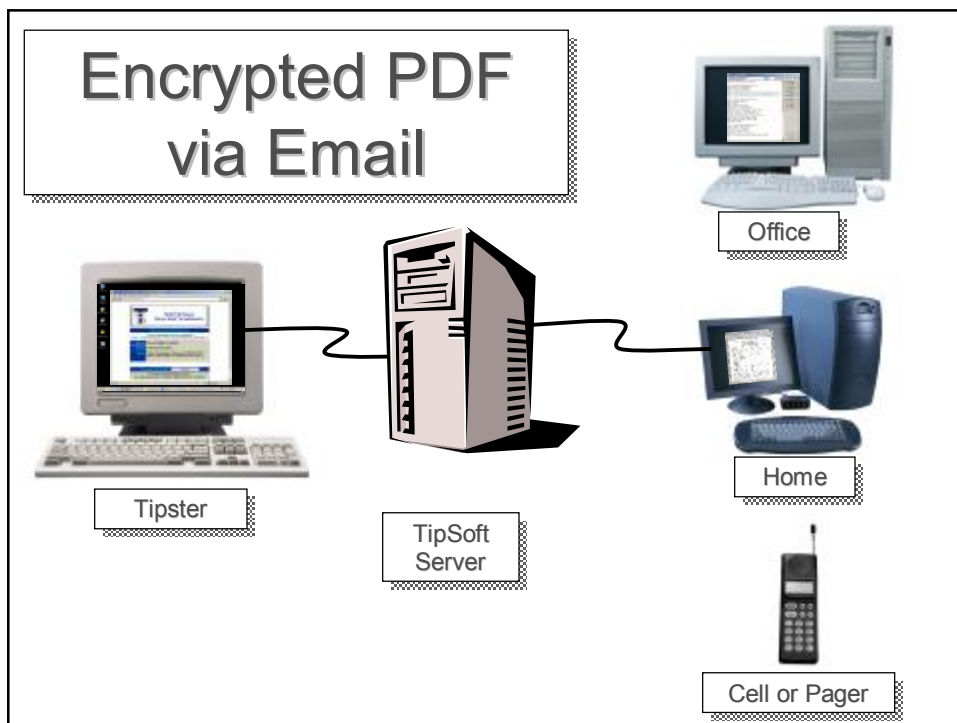
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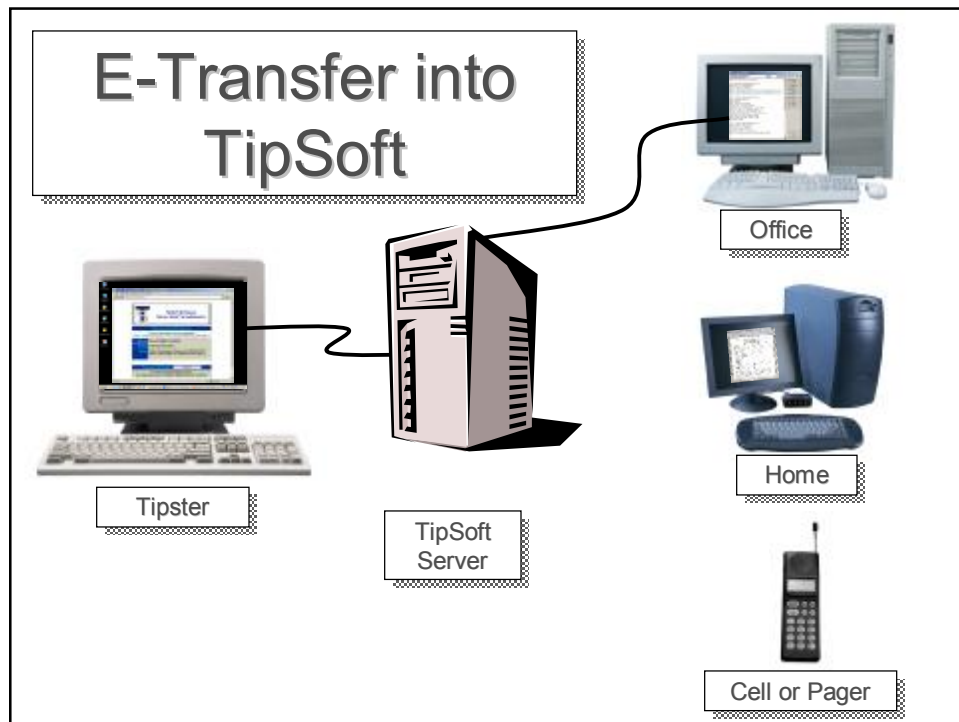


## Notice via Pager



## Encrypted PDF via Email





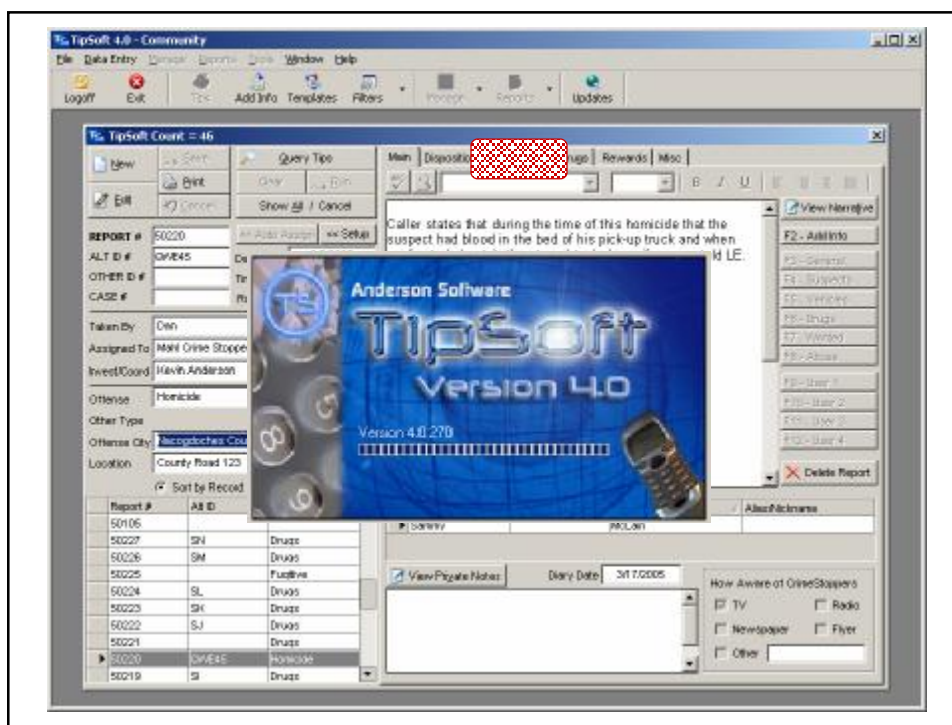
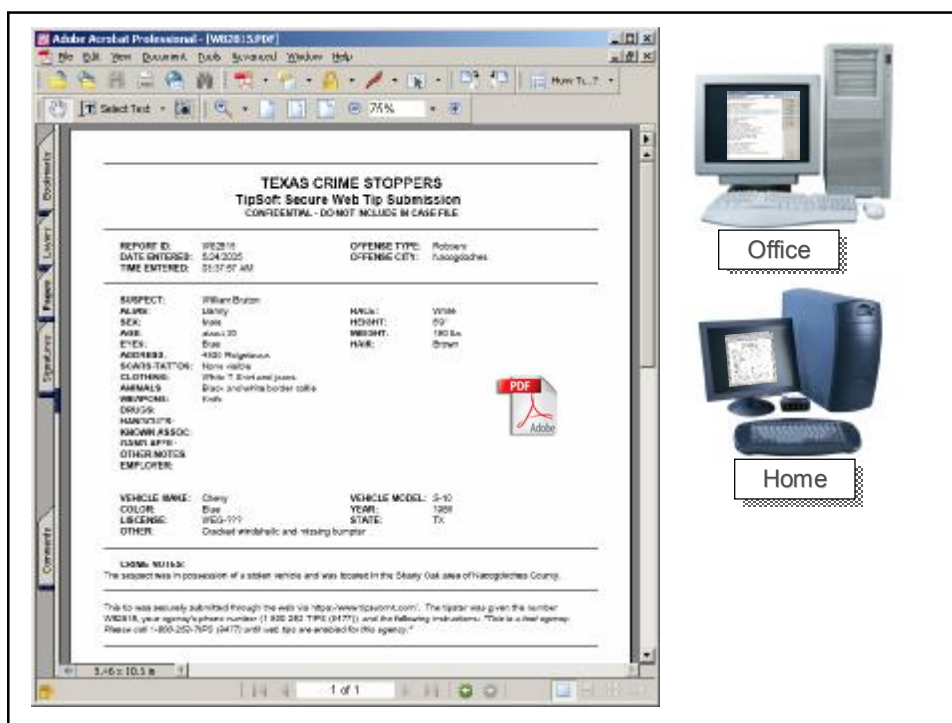
## Retrieving Web Tips

### p Method #1

- n Check your Email and open a PDF File

### p Method #2

- n Use TipSoft to load the tip via E-Transfer



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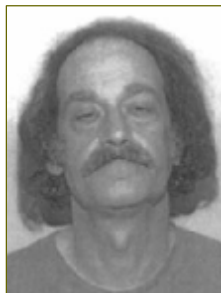
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 ALIAS: Danny  
 RACE: White  
 SEX: Male  
 AGE: 37  
 HEIGHT: 5'9"  
 WEIGHT: 190 lbs  
 EYE: Blue  
 HAIR: Brown  
 SCARS-TATTOO: None  
 CLOTHING: Jeans and T-Shirt  
 ADDRESS: 4306 Ridgeway  
 ANIMALS: Border Collie  
 WEAPONS: None  
 DRUGS: None  
 HANGOUTS: SFA Campus  
 KNOWN ASSOC: Andy Wagers  
 GANG AFFIL: None  
 OTHER NOTES: Walks with a limp  
 EMPLOYER: SFASU 13044, Nacogdoches, TX

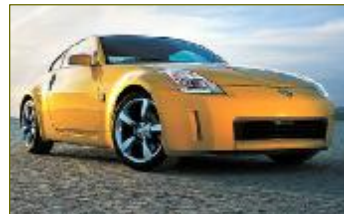
VEHICLE MAKE: Chevy  
 MODEL: Trail Blazer  
 COLOR: Black  
 LP: WEG-777  
 STATE: TX  
 YEAR: 2003  
 OTHER: Missing Bumper

Close

## Web Tips with Images



**Suspects**



**Property**

## Washington

### Tri City Crime Stoppers now accept camera phone pictures and videos

By KNDU News  
KNDU-TV

Tri-Cities, WA - If you've ever seen a crime or something suspicious and captured it on your camera or videophone, you can now give that information to police and remain anonymous. Tri City Crime Stoppers already takes anonymous phone and email tips, but now you can submit those high tech picture tips, which can be serve as crucial evidence for police.



Crime Stoppers workers have been talking about it for a while, but the terror attacks in London motivated them because its citizen pictures that are helping police move forward in the investigation, said Mike Blatman with the Kennewick Police Department.

"There are lots of opportunities out there, where people see something suspicious out of the ordinary and they take a picture because they have their camera with them or cell phone with them, it might be useful and we need all the breaks we can get," Blatman said.

They contacted the security company last week and by Monday they were given the go-ahead to be a test location for the project.

To submit a tip, just to go [www.tricitiescrimestoppers.org](http://www.tricitiescrimestoppers.org) and click on "enter-a-tip" and you can download your picture. All of your information will remain secure.

TipSoft 4.0.209 - Community

File Data Entry Search Reports View Window Help

Logoff Exit Add Info Templates Filters Reports Update

TipSoft Count = 259

Now Print Query Tips Show All Cancel

REPORT # C166 ALTID # NT00393 Date Rec'd 7/25/2005 OTHERID # Time Rec'd 11:16:22 PM CASE # Rowd Via WEB

Taken By Assigned To Invest/Coord Offense Other Other Type Dealing Drugs and DV Offense City Paris, TX Location Paris, TX

Sort by Record Sort by Date

| Report # | ALTID      | Offense            |
|----------|------------|--------------------|
| C174     | CMB-100-5  | Assault            |
| C173     | CMB-100-4  |                    |
| C172     | 100-206-C2 | Arson              |
| C171     | 100-206-C1 | Arson              |
| 49       | NT00391    | Arson              |
| C167     | NT00390    | 34                 |
| C166     | NT00393    | Dealing Drugs a... |
| C165     | NT00393    | Dealing Drugs a... |
| C164     | NT00397    | Dealing Drugs a... |
| C163     | NT00396    | Dealing Drugs a... |

Man Disposition E-Transfer Drugs Rewards Misc

CRIME NOTES: Saw him on the online FBI most wanted list. Works as a cook at Joe's Bar and Grill in North Park. Sometimes buys and sells drugs there.

View Narrative P2 - Add Info P3 - General P4 - Suspects P5 - Offenses P6 - Drugs P7 - Property P8 - Photos P9 - Court P10 - User 2 P11 - User 3 P12 - User 4 Delete Report

Suspects First Middle Last Alias/Redname

View Private Notes Query Date 8/04/2005

How Aware of CrimeStoppers  
☐ TV ☐ Radio  
☐ Newspaper ☐ Flyer  
☐ Other

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**TipSoft Secure Web Tip Submission**  
CONFIDENTIAL DO NOT INCLUDE IN CASE FILES

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>REPORT ID:</b> TA100880<br><b>CASE #:</b> 73314-000<br><b>WARRANT #:</b> 45576 MK | <b>SUBMITTED:</b> 7/25/2005 11:17:15 PM<br><b>LOCATION:</b> Texas, TX<br><b>OFFENSE:</b> Driving Drugged and DWI |  |
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| <b>SUSPECT:</b> John Doe<br><b>ALIAS:</b> John<br><b>NO:</b> 0000<br><b>AGE:</b> 35<br><b>DOB:</b> 01/01/70<br><b>SEX:</b> Male<br><b>RACE:</b> White<br><b>HEIGHT:</b> 5'10"<br><b>WEIGHT:</b> 180 lbs<br><b>HAIR:</b> Brown<br><b>EYES:</b> Blue<br><b>SCARS/PIERCES:</b> No tattoos, pierced ears<br><b>CHILDREN:</b> None<br><b>ADDRESS:</b> 4500 Asquith, Dallas, TX 75241<br><b>APPROX:</b> 01/01/70<br><b>WEAPON:</b> None<br><b>DRUGS:</b> Cocaine, marijuana<br><b>HANDGUN:</b> None<br><b>KNIFE/STICK:</b> None<br><b>OTHER:</b> None<br><b>OTHER NOTES:</b> Often seen walking on South Street<br><b>PHOTO:</b> John Doe 100 100 100, Dallas, TX 75201 |  |  |
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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>VEHICLE:</b> Make - Chevy<br><b>MODEL:</b> Gold Blazer<br><b>COLOR:</b> Silver<br><b>OTHER:</b> Customized hood | <b>REG:</b> TX<br><b>STATE:</b> TX<br><b>YEAR:</b> 2001 |  |
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Below are the criminal history records for:  
 John Doe is a resident of Dallas, Texas and is a resident of North Dallas.  
 Born 01/01/70 and is a resident of Dallas, Texas.

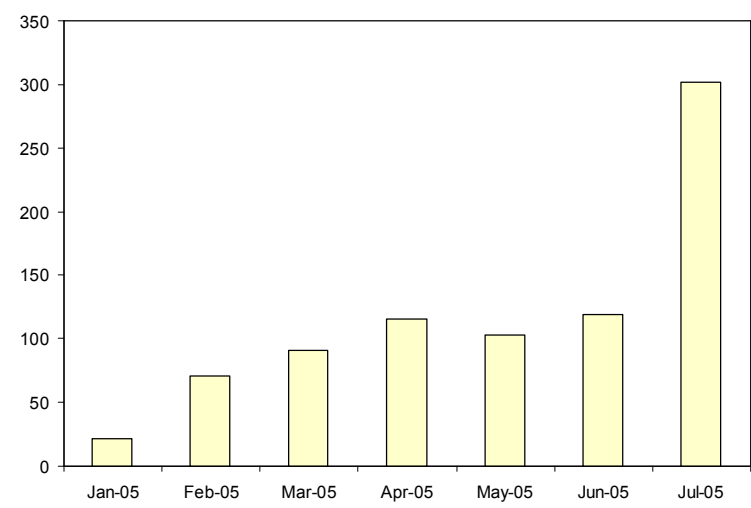




**Adobe**



## Web Tip Counts are on the Rise



\* Started Web Tips in January of 2005.

## Why try web tips?

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- Receive more tips without adding staff.
- Read tips at home or office.
- Receive pager notices.
- It can be secure and anonymous.
- Tips can be sent at any hour of the day.

## Why try web tips?

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- No technical training is necessary.
  - You do not have to know HTML code.
  - Just add a link to your exiting website.
  - Web tips can be received via email.
  - TipSoft can also import web tips directly.

# Any Questions?

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