

2018 Crime Stoppers Legal Update

By Judge Richard W. Carter (Ret.)

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Crime Stoppers of the United States of America, Inc.

Subpoenas for Tip Information

- Criminal defense attorneys continue to seek Crime Stoppers records and tip information
- Prosecuting attorneys still require education on Crime Stoppers
- Crime Stoppers tips are “inculpatory” not “exculpatory” and not subject to “Brady”
- Local counsel should be available for CS

Ethical & Criminal Lapses

- CS funds continue to be embezzled (Executive Director, Law Enforcement Coordinator, et al)
- Crime Stoppers wrapped vehicles cannot be driven to political rallies by candidate for office
- Persons with deferred dispositions for crimes of moral turpitude (e.g. theft of government funds) should not hold executive positions of a Crime Stoppers

Avoid Large or Supplemental Rewards

- Large and supplemental rewards continue despite advice to refrain
- Still no evidence that a crime could not be solved but for the additional funds offered
- Many cases with large rewards remain unsolved
- Baltimore/Iowa/and others—Status??

Questions & Answers

Any questions not asked/answered in this session can be sent to:

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