



Crime Stories

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Tips to Crime Stoppers Leads to 4 Major Arrests in 72 Hours

By: Kristen Pflum—FOX 56

LEXINGTON, Ky. – It was a busy week during August 2022 for Bluegrass Crime Stoppers. The organization had a hand in the arrests of four dangerous criminals, all thanks to anonymous calls to the tip line.

Trust in the tip line has never been higher. All you have to do is look at the explosion of activity since the organization set aside \$10,000 of donated money to arrest some of central Kentucky’s most violent offenders. “Every single tip has value. We look at and pass along and move on every single one of them,” said Detective Anthony Delimpo.

The first \$2,500 reward from a summer initiative to solve 2022 unsolved homicides went out this week to the anonymous tipster who helped lead Lexington police to 44-year-old Demonte Cowan for the June 19 murder of Randy Wise on Charles Avenue.

Another tip to Crime Stoppers also led Lexington officers to the whereabouts of Nicolas County escapee Jennifer Tolson.

Following that case, after numerous dead ends trying to track down Timothy Newsome, Lexington Police surrounded a home on Nickwood Trail and ultimately ended Newsome’s two-year run from investigators. “Huge, I can’t even say how awesome it is to have Crime Stoppers as a tool,” said narcotics Lt. Corey Doane. Drugs and multiple guns are now being run through databases that might link them to other unsolved crimes.

And finally, Christopher Brown, a two-time Wanted Person of the Week was arrested in Elizabethtown Wednesday morning closing the book on open investigations in at least four Kentucky counties.

“If I could speak to those tipsters that are reaching out, they are making their community safer,” said Delimpo.



Virginia Beach Recognizes Ragan Pulley

The Virginia Beach Crime Solvers would like to recognize Ragan Pulley for 40 years of service to the board. As one of the program's founding members in 1982, Ragan's loyalty has been unwavering for four decades.

Ragan is stepping back to enjoy a much-deserved breather, but he's not leaving the organization in the rearview mirror. He agreed to remain on as an Advisory Board Member, and the organization will be better having his knowledge and commitment just a phone call away. In fact, Ragan is the last remaining founding member to sit on the board in some capacity.

Since 1982, Virginia Beach Crime Solvers has received nearly 40,000 tips and helped solve more than 16,800 solved crimes.



Crime Stoppers USA Stats as of 3/20/2023

Arrests Made	812,105
Homicides Solved	14,769
Cases Cleared	1,160,222
Rewards Paid	\$117,946,216
Property Recovered	\$1,260,430,307
Drugs Seized	\$2,977,280,322
Total Recovered	\$4,237,710,629

* Source: Crime Stoppers Information Management Database



CRIME STOPPERS USA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Crime Stoppers USA is a tax-exempt, charitable organization that is organized, governed and operated by a volunteer board of directors. These volunteer board members are representatives from local Crime Stoppers programs throughout the United States that provide administrative support, networking, training and guidance to the over 325 local membership programs. This requires time, talent and resources.

Since Crime Stoppers USA came into existence in 2001, it has subsisted primarily on membership dues from the local Crime Stoppers programs. Lately, Crime Stoppers USA has taken on a new online training strategy, seeking to improve our interactive website and enhance our communication tools with membership, as well as ongoing operational expenses in the fight against crime throughout the United States.

May we count on your support in meeting our financial obligations as we work to make our communities more safe and secure for all? *Please click on the link below to make a sponsorship or donation to Crime Stoppers USA.* We need your support to continue our mission, which is:

To provide Best Practices and Training for the anonymous tip-taking programs in the United States while assisting in creating the meaningful partnerships at the national, state and local levels.

Please consider providing a tax-deductible donation in support of Crime Stoppers USA today!

[Click Here to Donate to Crime Stoppers USA](http://www.crimestoppersusa.org)



**Yakima County Crime Stoppers Isn't Just About
Protecting The Community, But Also Providing For It.**

Yakima County Crime Stoppers holds their "Shred and Meds" event twice a year, the last Saturday of April and October. At this event, community members can properly dispose of their documents and medication without risk as it is handled by the State & Local DEA. Last year, over 16.5 tons of documents and 140 pounds of medication were properly disposed of. All for free of charge, although donations are appreciated during the 4 hour event.

In May, Crime Stoppers put on "Your Canyon for a Day Bike Ride" which is the largest in central Washington with people driving from all across the state to come, and for good reason. With restricted access to State Highway between Yakima and Ellensburg, participants can enjoy 34 miles roundtrip through the canyon without worrying about traffic. Bikers can see wildlife along the hills or in the rivers, enjoy the blooming summer weather as they ride next to the cool river, and appreciate the scenery that they otherwise wouldn't have access to. As a ride rather than a race, all ages and skill levels are welcome with the Crime Stoppers providing refreshments and a place for bikes to be fixed.

Through the revenues generated through these events, supported by the County Sheriff and Prosecutor, they can provide the awards for turning in wanted criminals. Giving the money back to those who help protect our valley.

***Wishing everyone a most enjoyable and
Happy Easter and Spring Season***



Happy

Easter



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Chippewa County (WI) Crime Stoppers Stand Against METH

Chippewa County Crime Stoppers is a newly formed organization and began receiving their first tips in June 2022. Chippewa County Crime Stoppers was created as a result of the Chippewa County Take a Stand Against Meth Campaign. The campaign is made up of a Core Team and community volunteers representing the Business, Education, Faith, Health and Wellness, Law Enforcement, and Service Organization areas. As a result of town hall meetings in 2019, and community feedback asking for information on crime reporting, education on what to look for, and an anonymous way to report, Crime Stoppers was created.

The Take a Stand Against Meth Campaign is partnering with local law enforcement jurisdictions, and the Chippewa County Crime Stoppers to hold five more community town hall meetings throughout Chippewa County in March and April 2023. These will include an adult and youth focus.

Each town hall meeting will include a portion highlighting the new program, how to download and use our P3 App and report tips through the call center or online. We will also have a booth at each event. In addition to the Crime Stoppers information the adults will receive education on drug trends and what to look for in our community, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Harm Reduction efforts, and have the opportunity to ask questions of a panel including people with lived experience, law enforcement, foster parents, and mental health professionals. The youth will have conversations with the school resource officers and counselors about the dangers of drugs, how to report information, interactive games, and hear from a youth with lived experience. Our Hidden in Plain Sight Room will be at all events.

Each law enforcement jurisdiction is participating, and Chippewa County Crime Stoppers is very excited about this opportunity in the community.

STAND AGAINST METH
TAKEASTANDAGAINSTMETH.ORG

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE TAKE A STAND AGAINST METH TOWN HALL MEETINGS. SAVE THE DATE FOR AN EVENT NEAR YOU!

Wednesday, March 8th
5:30-7:30 PM
Chippewa Falls High School Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 15th
5:30-7:30 PM
Stanley-Boyd High School Library

Wednesday, March 29th
5:30-7:30 PM
Cornell HS/MS School Library

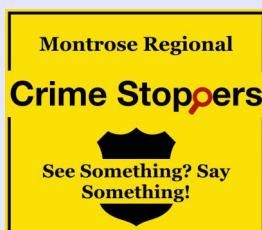
Wednesday, April 5th
5:30-7:30 PM
Bloomer Middle School Cafeteria

Wednesday, April 19th
5:30-7:30 PM
Chippewa High School Cafeteria

Each **FREE** event will feature:

- Education about drugs in our area and communities
- Hidden in Plain Sight Room
- Crime Stoppers Overview
- Education on Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Discussion regarding Narcan and Harm Reduction
- Panel answering questions
- **YOUTH 10 and up** welcome-breakout session specific for youth with interactive games and youth sharing their story
- Panel of those with lived experience and professionals
- Light refreshments

Contact Rose at 715-726-7798 or rbaier@co.chippewa.wi.us for more information.



Even Small Crime Stoppers Programs Can Make Large Contributions to Area Public Safety

By: John Nelson, M.R.C.S. Past President

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers Inc., founded in 2014, serves the south-western Colorado region. Montrose County, with a growing population of around 43,000 people, is on a major drug route from Mexico. As crime continued to increase, it became more apparent that the Montrose Police Dept. was under-staffed and that the physical facility, a former small library with a leaky roof, was wholly inadequate. In 2018, two of the original M.R.C.S. founders, John W. Nelson and Jim Haugsness, made an impassioned plea to the Montrose City Council to seek voter approval of a public safety sales tax increase to enhance law enforcement funding and to build a modern law enforcement complex. After due diligence and public input, in addition to efforts by a public committee to assist in planning, Montrose voters approved the ballot measure in 2019.

The grand opening of the new facility took place in September 2022. The state-of-the-art complex consists of over 36,000 square feet and was completed on time and on budget. The facility will also be available for use by other law enforcement agencies. In anticipation of the facility and in conjunction with Colorado Mesa University-Montrose and the Montrose Police Dept., the Western Colorado Law Enforcement Academy was formed and saw its first graduating class of future law enforcement officers in August of 2022.

Yes indeed, even small Crime Stoppers programs can make large contributions to an entire region, in addition to assisting law enforcement with Tips on apprehending lawbreakers. View the results at the Montrose Colorado Police Dept's website, City of Montrose.org, MontrosePD.com and Google Search for City of Montrose, CO and click on Police Department. Oh, the old library with the leaking roof still served as the police station during construction and remains today, seamlessly incorporated within the new facility.

Brazoria County Crime Stoppers Assist In Solving Aggravated Kidnapping And Sexual Assault

By: Investigator Robert Gonzales

On October 19, 2021 an Aggravated Kidnapping and Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child was investigated by the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department. Information from the victim was used to locate images of the suspect's vehicle. The victim also worked with a forensic artist and came up with a sketch of the suspect in the case. With both the forensic artist sketch and the images of the suspect's vehicle a press release was released on October 21, 2021 by the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office.

A tipster then called the Brazoria County Crime Stoppers with information about the incident. With the tipster anonymous assistance, the suspect was identified as John Eloy Orozco. In the early morning hours of October 22, 2021, Orozco was taken into custody on an unrelated outstanding warrant. After completion of the investigation Orozco's court hearing was set for November 28th, 2022. On December 1st, 2022 John Eloy Orozco was convicted on both charges and was sentenced to two life sentences stacked. During the course of the above-mentioned investigation there were other victims located and identified. These cases are still being actively investigated.

STALKING

Stalking is a serious problem for which there are no easy answers or solutions. This information provides you with various anti-stalking strategies; however, the decision to implement any of the strategies is yours.

TYPICAL STALKING BEHAVIORS

- Repeated telephone calls to home or office, including hang-ups
- Unsolicited letter writing
- Unsolicited e-mail messages
- Unsolicited electronic pages
- Unsolicited sending or leaving gifts
- Notes on car or at residence
- Surveillance behaviors, both on foot and in a car
- Driving past your residence (keeping you under surveillance)
- Unexpected appearances at places you frequent, such as stores, classrooms, etc.
- Contacting your friends, family or co-workers
- Searching public and private records to gain personal information
- Vandalism (residence, car, personal possessions)
- Entering your residence to move things or to steal personal items

HELPFUL STRATEGIES

It is impossible to design a "one strategy fits all" approach for every situation. Because each case is unique, each case requires careful assessment, proper management and constant re-assessment. The following suggestions can make it a safer place for you.

Responding

- If the offender is known, cease all contact.

- If the offender is known, consider obtaining a protection order.
- If the offender is unknown, do not respond to any attempts by the offender to make contact.

Documentation

- Maintain log/journal/record of all incidents/events.
- Keep all correspondence (letters, notes, e-mails, voice mails).

Making Reports

- Immediately report all incidents to authorities.
- Keep authorities informed as to all new "events."

Retain Support

- Inform family, friends, co-workers, etc.
- Do not run or walk alone. (travel in a group).
- Utilize all available resources (local authorities, counseling services, etc.)

Changing Behaviors and Routines

- Make an extra effort to always be alert and to always be aware of your surroundings.
- Vary your daily routine. For example, change your route to and from home, work, school, etc.
- Consider carrying a cell phone - utilize speed or voice dialing.
- Consider carrying pepper spray.
- Have your keys in hand and check inside the car before entering.

Protecting Privacy

- You may want to place caller I.D. on your phone
- Secure your residence – replace locks, install window and sliding glass lock and install peephole.

ONLINE TIPS

- Always select a gender-neutral username for your email address or for chat, etc. Don't pick something cute, such as hotcoed@someisp.com or use your first name if it is obviously female.
- Don't fill out profiles! When you sign up for your email account, whether it's through your ISP or a free one, fill out as little information about yourself as possible.
- Do block or ignore unwanted users. When you are in a chat room always check out what options are available to you and take advantage of the "Block all users except those on my buddy list" or adding unwanted usernames to an Ignore list in chat.
- Watch what you say online. When you do participate online, be careful -- only type what you would say to someone's face. If you wouldn't say it to a stranger standing next to you in an elevator, do not say it online.
- Ego Surf. Put your first name and last name in quotes in a search engine and see if there are any results regarding you. You just might be surprised at what you find.

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