



Crime Stories

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Crime Stoppers Tip Leads to Identity and Arrest of Man Accused in Bus Shooting

MILWAUKEE (CBS 58—Amanda Porterfield) -- A man who police say shot someone on a Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus, was arrested after an anonymous tip sent into Milwaukee Crime Stoppers. The incident happened on Aug. 24, on a county bus near Capitol Drive and Sherman Boulevard.

Police say charges are now filed against Melvin Rashard Goodwin. He faces one count of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, use of a dangerous weapon and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon.

According to a criminal complaint, Goodwin shot a MCTS bus passenger in the shoulder. Police spoke with the victim who recalled walking past Goodwin, who he did not know, prior to the incident. The complaint says Goodwin looked at the victim and said, "what's up," before the victim walked to the back of the bus and sat down. The victim was reportedly looking down at his phone when he was shot.

The incident caused unionized bus drivers to consider asking for more protection.



After surveillance images of Goodwin were shared, authorities received a Crime Stoppers tip that led to his identification. Officials say Goodwin was already in custody for unrelated charges and was subsequently arrested in connection to the shooting. The criminal complaint says Goodwin was arrested on Aug. 28 for fleeing police, leading them on a pursuit. Records show Goodwin was convicted of second-degree recklessly endangering safety in August of 2021.

Police say if convicted of the most recent charges, he could face up to 83 years in prison and fined up to \$25,000.



Ticking Time Bomb? East Tennessee Valley Crime Stoppers Quick Response Avoids Potentially Serious Issue

East Tennessee Valley Crime Stoppers received a tip on July 17, 2023 through the mobile app about several videos posted on YouTube by an unknown male who was counting down days until “something” would happen and warning people to “be ready.” This person was very vague, only providing 3-hints on the location – “my city,” “orange,” and “Smoky Mountains.” In addition, he filmed the outside of a Taco Bell, a church and a public swimming pool/park, and the countdown day was fast approaching. This information pinpointed the city as Jefferson City, TN and the date as August 7th, which was the first day back to school in Jefferson County.

Contact was made with Chief Dossett of the Jefferson City Police Department (JCPD) letting him know about the tip and that Crime Stoppers was sending it to him and his detectives. JCPD jumped right on the tip and began investigating. Through their investigation they were able to determine the exact locations seen in the various videos. Further investigation revealed the individual’s identity and address. JCPD secured a search warrant for this person’s vehicle, residence, cell phone, etc. Dain Glass AKA Mintmoose was subsequently arrested and charged with Civil Rights Intimidation and was booked into the Jefferson County Jail.

This is the second time since East Tennessee Valley Crime Stoppers formed in May of 2021 where a tip was received that potentially stopped a tragic and potentially violent event. The first one was when we received a tip that an individual had gotten into a verbal altercation with his supervisor at an ice cream shop in Pigeon Forge, TN and had gone out and purchased a sniper rifle with plans to “take care of the problem.” We immediately called Chief Catlett of the Pigeon Forge Police Department and they were able to locate the person in the tip and conduct a traffic stop. During the stop they located the recently purchased sniper rifle and discovered this person had 2 unrelated warrants for his arrest for aggravated stalking.

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Crime Stoppers USA
Stats as of 9/30/2023

Arrests Made	781,600
Homicides Solved	14,800
Cases Cleared	1,131,000
Rewards Paid	\$118,260,000
Property Recovered	\$1,246,400,000
Drugs Seized	\$2,985,000,000
Total Recovered	\$4,231,400,000

* Source: Crime Stoppers Information Management Database

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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.

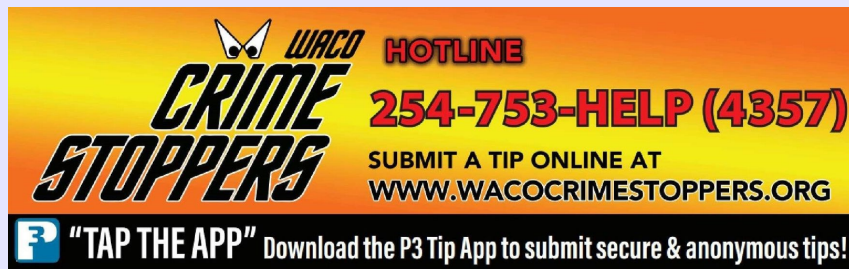
Since Crime Stoppers USA came into existence in 2001, it has subsisted primarily on membership dues from the local Crime Stoppers programs. Lately, Crime Stoppers USA has taken on a new online training strategy, seeking to improve our interactive website and enhance our communication tools with membership, 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!

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Waco Crime Stoppers Assists Law Enforcement In Capture Of Sex Offender

From WACO CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

On April 25th, 2023, Waco Police Department Sex Offender Registration Coordinator, contacted Waco Crime Stoppers to feature a sex offender on our Crime Stoppers Wanted site. Nicholas Jaramillo was mandated to register every month since he was a transient. He had stopped registering and had not reported to his probation officer. His original charge was Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

This sex offender was featured on 4 local radio stations both in English and Spanish; our CBS affiliate news station, KWTX's Wheel of Justice and on electronic billboards throughout the City of Waco. During the weekend, several tips came in that he was staying with his girlfriend and her two children.

On April 29th, a tip came in that this sex offender was at his girlfriend's apartment at the time of the call. CSI sent the information to Waco Police dispatchers and by 8:09 p.m. patrol officers were dispatched. When Jaramillo saw officers, he ran into the apartment, but officers were quick to apprehend him before he escaped. He was arrested for Fail to Comply Duty to Register as a Sex Offender-3rd Degree Felony. Thanks to the vigilant eye of tipsters and the support of our News Station, KWTX, radio stations-La Ley 104.1, Power 108, The Eagle 106.7, Latino 93.5; and LAMAR Advertising, a sex offender is behind bars and our community is safer.

**Crime Stoppers USA Annual Meeting
and Training Conference
November 3-6, 2023
Denver, CO**

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

**All the details, registration forms and
hotel information can be found on the**

**Crime Stoppers USA website:
www.CrimeStoppersUSA.org**



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Program Spotlight—Silent Witness: Safer Communities, Safer Workplaces

By: Rab Paquette, President of Silent Witness

Silent Witness has been successfully solving crimes throughout the Valley since 1979. In addition to helping solve heinous felonies like murder, robberies and hit-and-runs, Silent Witness regularly assists in preventing and solving crimes that affect Arizona businesses through its corporate partnership program.

One recent example of this is Silent Witness teaming up with telecommunications company CenturyLink, a Lumen company, to generate awareness for copper theft and help reduce the number of incidents in the Valley. Phoenix leads the nation in copper theft and the problem has increased exponentially in recent years, presenting a big public safety concern.

Since the beginning of 2022, CenturyLink has been the victim of 215 separate acts of theft and vandalism totaling nearly \$1 million in damages in Phoenix-metro alone. This is a dramatic increase over previous years in which copper theft damages totaled only \$10,000 for all of Arizona. CenturyLink attributes the increase in incidents to the current economic climate, inflation and the sharp increase in copper prices. Above and beyond the financial and physical damage the company has incurred, copper theft presents challenges for Arizona's 911 system and prevents access to critical emergency services.

"Copper theft is a huge public safety issue," says Dan Chason, lead security professional and coordinator of the theft and vandalism program for Lumen Technologies.

"Every year, we proudly process millions of 911 calls across our robust and reliable voice network throughout the United States. We know that when someone calls 911, seconds count, and we take that responsibility seriously. However, vandalism like this can mean that emergency calls do not go through."

Copper thieves are becoming increasingly sophisticated and are hard to identify and catch since they pose as contractors, using vans or trucks with temporary magnetic signage to steal copper from pedestals and cross boxes around Phoenix, often during broad daylight. CenturyLink desires prosecution for these crimes and is actively participating in bringing charges against guilty individuals, with the help of Silent Witness.

[Editor's note: Copper theft can also impair a business's ability to operate. This editor recently found her Glendale breakfast restaurant destination closed due to the theft of copper wiring that left it unable to run its equipment.]

Crime prevention has long been an important partnership between the public and private sectors and, with more than 300 convenience stores operating around the clock across the metro area, Circle K has developed a unique partnership with a focus on partnership and communication with Circle K's team leadership to keep stores safe.

This unique partnership and communication is complemented with state-of-the-art camera systems, alarms, lighting and security risk assessment tools that provide solid evidence in the event that a serious incident occurs at any one of the companies stores, parking lots or other facilities. The company also works closely with the Silent Witness program that rewards tipsters with information leading to the arrest of anyone committing misdeeds at any of the stores.

"Circle K has been partnering with Silent Witness for more than 24 years. Silent Witness has great resources within local, state and federal law enforcement, local media, TV, social media and professional business sites," says Dave Slacks, Circle K loss prevention supervisor for Arizona. "Silent Witness along with its vast resources have led to the arrests and prosecution of countless subjects for crimes against Circle K. Silent Witness is a valuable partner for Circle K and it is a comfort to know they are working on not just our cases but cases throughout the Valley 24/7. Our state is safer because of Silent Witness."

Silent Witness is dedicated to creating safer communities by working in partnership with citizens, media and law enforcement to solve and prevent crime within the state of Arizona. Although it works in partnership with the Phoenix Police Department, it is a separate, community-based, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All the rewards paid out are funded entirely through private donations and grants — not taxes. Silent Witness also hosts a number of fundraising events throughout the year, including an annual golf tournament, trivia night and sporting clay tournament to raise important funds to support its mission.

The board of directors of Silent Witness AZ is comprised of 30 professionals who include active and retired military, police, fire department and security personnel, plus Arizona State Representatives, legal counsel, as well as business owners and executives from real estate, advertising, food service, technology, finance and insurance who are collectively dedicated to protecting our community.

How does Silent Witness work?

- Citizens submit tips anonymously to law enforcement.
- Law Enforcement alerts the media and media shares with public.
- Cases get solved.
- Anonymous citizens receive reward money.
- Felons are arrested.

Since its inception in 1979, Silent Witness has received more than 75,000 anonymous tips, approved more than \$2,700,000 in rewards, made more than 8,000 felony arrests and seized more than \$14,000,000 in illegal drugs. The ultimate goal of Silent Witness: Make Arizona Safer!

Gulfport Crime Stoppers Tip Assists in Solving Road Rage Incident

JACKSON COUNTY, Miss. (WLOX) - Tuesday afternoon, a jury found Janvique Entrael Franklin Jr. guilty of manslaughter. He's the man accused of killing Brandon Box of Gulfport in May 2020.

The story of Box's death on I-10 was in the news for weeks in 2020 as authorities searched for a suspect. They knew a man had fired multiple shots at Box's truck during a Memorial Day weekend road rage incident. Finally, on July 17, 2020, Franklin was arrested in Hammond, Louisiana. This week, we learned new details of the case as Franklin stood trial.

Special Agent Jason Gazzo with the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (MBI) testified Tuesday morning. He said MBI received a call about a road rage incident on I-10 where a motorist had been shot just around 5:29 p.m. on May 25. MBI responded to the 51-mile marker on the westbound side of the interstate, where they found a 2019 Dodge Ram pickup with a trailer attached. The driver, Box, had already been transported to the hospital for a gunshot wound to the chest.

Gazzo said the passenger of the truck was still on scene, and investigators noticed two bullet holes in the driver's side of the truck.

The passenger told Gazzo the pair were returning to Mississippi from Florida. The passenger also told him that around the 69-mile marker, they made a lane change from right to left, causing a small SUV to veer off the roadway. This was the beginning of the road rage incident between the vehicles.

Franklin, in his initial interrogation, claimed the victim pursued him before he fired two shots at the victim's truck. Franklin said he was trying to shoot the victim's tires.

Instead, a bullet passed through the driver's side door and struck Box in the chest, penetrated his heart, and lodged in his right shoulder. The second bullet penetrated the rear door on the driver's side of Box's truck.

A tipster reported to Crime Stoppers that they saw a firework thrown into the bed of a truck and identified law enforcement as a state trooper and Gautier Police officer - on I-10, not far from the incident. Gautier PD dashcam footage captured the white SUV and Dodge Ram pickup, from which the tipster identified the defendant's SUV.

MBI pulled license plate reader data near the Louisiana state line, which scanned the license plate of a white SUV, a 2021 Ford Eco Sport. Investigators determined the vehicle was rented from Enterprise Car Rental in Hammond by the mother of Franklin's girlfriend. Gazzo testified that, after searching databases, it was found that the phone number and email listed on the rental agreement belonged to Franklin.

MBI then contacted Hammond Police after learning that on the same day of the shooting,

Hammond PD responded to Franklin's home for a domestic dispute between Franklin, his girlfriend, and his girlfriend's brother. Hammond PD noted there was luggage in the home with a 9 mm Glock laid on top.

In court, the defense brought up Box's autopsy, which showed the presence of amphetamines along with THC. Gazzo testified in court that the amphetamine found in the autopsy is consistent with prescription medication. Box's family confirms he had a prescription for ADHD medicine, which he took regularly for years. State troopers also noted the smell of marijuana in Box's truck. The passenger of Box's truck admitted to smoking weed in the hours leading up to the incident, but no paraphernalia or narcotics were recovered from Box's truck. No weapons were found in Box's truck.

Crime Stoppers Programs At Work in Their Communities



Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa Assists with School Supply Drive

Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa and all Tangipahoa law enforcement agencies have teamed up to collect school supplies for our Tangi students. Over 250 backpacks and 1,000 school supply items were dropped off at all parish law enforcement offices.



Following the school collection drive, Crime Stoppers hosted a Back to School Bash at Independence Leadership Academy Gym, 221 Tiger Ave on August 4th from 9:00am-12:00pm. School supplies were distributed, games, over 20 vendors provided food and safety materials to over 750 students and parents. Classrooms thrive when communities unite!

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