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# **Tipster Rewards Approved**

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For the month of April 2007, San Diego County Crime Stoppers approved \$1,475 in rewards to tipsters who provided information that helped solve sixteen different criminal cases that led to the arrests of fourteen people.

### **Reward Details:**

One of the tips led to the arrest of a suspect profiled by the media wanted on four felony narcotic warrants. Four other tips led to the arrest of five suspects for possession and sales of a controlled substance; all five suspects were arrested in different apartments located in the same apartment complex. Other tips led to the arrests of one suspect for selling marijuana and two suspects for selling methamphetamine.

The Campus Crime Stoppers program had three positive campus tips that resulted in four students being arrested at local schools. One case helped solve a string of five burglaries to local schools. The loss and damages of all the burglaries is approaching \$20,000, with \$10,000 coming from a single incident. Other tips led to the arrest of one student for possessing a knife on campus, and another for possessing illegal contraband at school.

### **Program Details:**

The rewards are authorized at a monthly meeting of the board of directors of Crime Stoppers, a volunteer, non-profit organization that has been in operation in San Diego since September of 1984. In 22 years, Crime Stoppers has received more than 17,500 tips, leading to more than 2,200 arrests and solving more than 3,500 local crime cases.

Here's how the program works: The tipster calls in anonymously and is given a code number. When the tipster calls back at a later time, he or she is told whether the board of directors has authorized a reward payment. If a reward has been authorized, the tipster then is directed to go to a specific bank and provide the code number to receive the reward.

San Diego County Crime Stoppers now has a toll-free phone line that should be used by all people submitting tips: 1-888-580-TIPS (8477).

*Media inquiries should be directed to Officer James Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.*

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc. in its sole discretion.

The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000.  
Information must be received on the tip line - 1-888-580-TIPS.