



MEDIA RELEASE

Tipster Rewards Approved

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For the month of March 2007, San Diego County Crime Stoppers approved \$2,250 in rewards to tipsters who provided information that helped solve eight different criminal cases that led to the arrests of fourteen people.

Reward Details:

One of the tips led to the arrest of homicide suspect Larry Brown for the murder of a Chula Vista woman. Another tip led to the identification and arrest of three suspects responsible for vandalizing a church statue. Other tips led to the arrests of one parolee at large, one sexual assault fugitive, and one tip led to the arrest of a suspect for possession of narcotics.

The Campus Crime Stoppers program had three positive campus tips that resulted in seven students being arrested at local schools. The crimes varied from possessing a knife on campus (one person arrested) to the theft and recovery of a school projector valued at over \$1,500 (four people arrested) to battery on a student and theft of a fire extinguisher (two people arrested).

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 17,400 tips, leading to more than 2,100 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.