



MEDIA RELEASE

Tipster Rewards Approved

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For the month of May 2007, San Diego County Crime Stoppers approved \$1,400 in rewards to tipsters who provided information that helped solve nine different criminal cases that led to the arrests of eleven people.

Reward Details:

One of the tips led to the arrest of two suspects who were involved in mail and identity theft. Another tip led to the arrest of one suspect for human trafficking. Another tip led to the arrest of one suspect for multiple warrants for commercial burglary, grand theft, forgery, and passing counterfeit checks. Two other tips led to the arrest of four suspects for possessing and selling methamphetamine, mushrooms, and cocaine.

The Campus Crime Stoppers program had two positive campus tips that resulted in three students arrested at local schools. One case helped solve a string of three school burglaries with a loss of over \$16,000 in school electronic equipment, over 80% of the stolen property was recovered; two students have been arrested in this case. Another tip led to the arrest of one student for possessing an illegal knife on campus.

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.