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25th Annual *Light the Night Against Crime* 5k Run/Walk

RELEASE DATE: October 22, 2011

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2011
Time: Start time is 7:00 PM, Registration starts at 5:00 PM
Place: Park Blvd. and Presidents Way
Event: LIGHT THE NIGHT AGAINST CRIME 5K RUN/WALK

San Diego County Crime Stoppers is hosting the 25th annual LIGHT THE NIGHT AGAINST CRIME 5K RUN/WALK on October 22th at Balboa Park. This event is presented with the strong support of our partners in the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the San Diego Sheriff's Department, and the San Diego Police Department. The major sponsor is Walmart.

District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis will be on hand to send off the participants, who number more than 3,000 runners and walkers this year. Prior to the race, local law enforcement agencies will provide displays of equipment from SWAT teams and search and rescue. This year's 5K race is presented by Generic Events, for San Diego County Crime Stoppers.

This year, the race is dedicated to locating **Julio Cesar Mendez**, who is wanted in connection to the July 29th murder of Sonny Carrillo. Sonny's family and friends will be at the event for media interviews. Many other murder victims' families and crime victim organizations will also participate in the event.

This event raises funds for cash rewards paid to people who call the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip lines with information leading to the arrest of felons in San Diego County. Since its inception in 1984, Crime Stoppers has assisted in solving 4,150 cases including 114 homicides, 41 rapes and 668 robberies. Crime Stoppers has also helped apprehend over 3,000 suspects. Police acknowledge that many crimes would go unsolved without the help of Crime Stoppers. Many other crimes would require lengthy investigations at considerable cost to the public while offenders would free to commit other crimes.

Media details: Media representatives can check in with Lt. Andra Brown (619) 876-9729 to arrange interviews. District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis will be available for interviews about the event at 6:00 pm. Lt. Brown can also coordinate interviews with the family of Sonny Carrillo.

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