



# TIP LINE PROGRAM

## An Anonymous Reporting Tool

### ABOUT THE TIP LINE PROGRAM

The Tip Line Program continues to be a **national crime solving system** and aims to equip and motivate all citizens to report crime. Through collaboration with more than 70 local and federal law enforcement agencies, the Tip Line has proven its success in solving and preventing crime in the Greater Houston Area.

-  **Publicizes Cases**
-  **Offers Cash Rewards**
-  **100% Anonymous**
-  **Operates 24/7**

### HOW IT WORKS

The Tip Line offers cash rewards to anonymous citizens who provide tips to help solved unsolved crimes and locate wanted fugitives in the Greater Houston Area. Crime Stoppers may pay a cash reward of up to \$5,000 on all felony crimes that happen in the Greater Houston/Harris County area. The only requirement is you must report your tip directly to Crime Stoppers by calling 713-222- TIPS(8477), going online to [crime-stoppers.org](http://crime-stoppers.org) or by using the Crime Stoppers mobile app.

-  **Call 713.222.TIPS (8477)**
-  **Use our Mobile App**  
Download app name: **Crime Stoppers Houston**
-  **Go to [crime-stoppers.org](http://crime-stoppers.org)**

TIP LINE IMPACT	2019	2020	Since 1980
<b>Cases Solved</b>	481	374	35,767
<b>Suspects Arrested</b>	338	238	27,048
<b>Tipsters Paid</b>	325	248	23,344
<b>Paid in Rewards</b>	\$331,125	\$310,800	\$12,433,760
<b>Seized/Recovered</b>	\$200,983	\$299,131	\$196,979,641
<b>Victims Served</b>	900	241	

TYPE OF CRIME	2019	2020	Since Inception
<b>Capital Murder</b>	5	6	466
<b>Murder/Manslaughter/Attempted</b>	15	10	672
<b>Assaultive Offensives</b>	74	61	1,153
<b>Auto Theft/UUMV</b>	8	5	1,599
<b>Burglary - Business or Habitation</b>	28	22	2,455
<b>Robbery</b>	52	75	4,581
<b>Theft</b>	35	25	1,686
<b>Narcotics</b>	39	26	4,652
<b>Sex Crimes - Children</b>	12	7	238
<b>Sex Crimes - Adults</b>	4	3	53



## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW .....

Crime Stoppers may pay a cash reward of up to \$5,000 on all felony crimes that happen in the Greater Houston/Harris County area. Here are things you should know about our Tip Line:



- To be eligible for a cash reward, you must report your tip directly to Crime Stoppers of Houston.
- Crime Stoppers will never ask you for your name, phone number, address, or any other information that could identify you. We do not record phone calls or have caller ID. No one will know you called us unless you tell them.
- Once you give us your tip, you will be given a code number. This is the only way Crime Stoppers can identify you. Crime Stoppers cannot call you with the status because we don't ask for your phone number. You need to remember this number and provide it when you call back to check the status of your tip.
- When you call back with your code number we will let you know if your tip helped law enforcement arrest or charge a felony suspect/fugitive. If it did, you may be eligible for a cash reward and will give you instructions on how to retrieve your cash reward. You will not be asked to show any ID.

## MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS

Crime Stoppers assists law enforcement by publicizing unsolved cases, highlighting wanted fugitives, and coordinating press conferences.



# 500+

Felony cases are featured annually.



## VICTIM SERVICES AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM .....

The Victim Services and Advocacy Program promotes safety, healing, justice and rights for crime victims and survivors. It is designed to act as an advocate on all stages of victimization and ensure crime victims and survivors have a voice in our criminal justice system.



In 2019, we noticed a trend in which many of the defendants charged with murder were released on multiple felony bonds, personal recognizance (PR) bonds, motion to revoke bond denied and bond forfeiture.

Since then, we have compiled a list of victims killed/murdered by defendants released on the above from 2018 through 2020 to include **89** people total. In 2020 alone, **51** were murdered and included **11** victims of domestic violence and **3** unborn children.

Research and legislative efforts on this devastating public safety issue are ongoing.



## MISSING PERSONS

Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards in missing persons cases when an investigator has determined that foul play is involved and/or in cases where a minor (16 or younger) has run away with a person that is 18 or older. A common example of the latter is a minor being lured away from a parent or legal guardian for sex trafficking.

## CRIME WATCH NEWSLETTER .....

Crime Stoppers has been serving Harris County for 40 years as the leading public safety organization in regards to bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community.

While we have many proactive programs to enhance safety in the schools and the public, our first priority is to receive and relay critical information anonymously to our law enforcement partners in order for them to solve felony crimes quickly, efficiently and safely. This is the primary reason we launched the Crime Watch Newsletter in 2020. In the newsletter we inform the community, highlight cases, discuss victim rights, school safety and other topical issues.

You can find recent issues of Crime Watch online at [bit.ly/CrimeWatchNewsletter](http://bit.ly/CrimeWatchNewsletter)



We remain committed to our mission to solve and prevent serious crime in the Greater Houston Area.

### WELCOME

Crime Stoppers believes public safety should be a non-partisan issue. This was the core factor of why I undertook the issue of researching the real-life effects of the ramifications of criminal justice and felony bond reform.

I focused solely on victims who were either killed or murdered by defendants released on Multiple Felony Bonds, Personal Recognizance (PR) Bonds, Bond Forfeiture et al. To date I have uncovered over 70 people who have paid the ultimate price under the guise of bond reform: THEIR LIFE.

Inside this newsletter, you will find my detailed research on what I call the "Harris County Bond Pandemic" as well as current crime statistics and trends.

Public safety is at a higher risk when career habitual offenders are continuously released back into the community. Crime Stoppers will be closely monitoring this issue and a hopeful bond reform will get a close look this upcoming legislative session.

Best regards,

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Director of Victim Services & Advocacy

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