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CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Baytown Crime Stoppers Has Record Month

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January is proving to be a record month for the Baytown Crime Stoppers program along with the Campus Crime Stoppers program. Eighty-nine tips have been received, and 11 rewards were approved by the Crime Stoppers Board for information that led to arrests or disciplinary action, for a total of \$7,000 paid to tipsters.

One recent tip led to the arrest of a suspect for forging counterfeit money and evading arrest. This tip paid a \$900 reward. Another accurate tipster received \$800 for providing information that led police officers to arrest and charge a suspect with Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics Level Felony 2. Officers recovered \$62,759 worth of stolen property on the basis of a tip, which paid \$1,300 to the tipster. The Baytown Police Department also solved a case involving the robbery of a convenience store as a result of information provided in a tip. The tipster received a \$700 reward. Crime Stoppers Board members approved a \$600 reward for a tipster who gave information about a suspect at a high school who was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Since its inception January 1, 1981, Baytown Crime Stoppers has received 10,336 tips, leading to rewards for tipsters totaling \$530,027. The program has helped recover property worth \$1,649,033.16, narcotics totaling \$1,766,841 and cash of \$147,238, for a combined total of \$3,563,112.16. More than 730 felony fugitives have been captured, 1,923 arrests have been made and 2,636 cases have been cleared, including 15 in January.

The successful program relies on the joint effort of the Baytown Crime Stoppers, local law enforcement and the community. The Campus Crime Stoppers program also includes Goose Creek CISD, the Goose Creek CISD Police Department, students, faculty and staff as well as Campus Crime Stoppers Boards on the campuses. Eight Goose Creek CISD schools, including the five junior schools and three high schools, have Crime Stoppers programs.

To submit a confidential tip:

Call **281-427-8477**
T I P S

OR

Text **BAYTOWN**
with your message or photo to:
274637

OR

Complete an
Online Form [HERE](#)



“The Crime Stoppers program is successful largely due to the fact that the identity of the person providing the tip remains anonymous,” said Sgt. John Butler, program coordinator. “If at any time a person has information on a crime, he or she can just call the Crime Stoppers Tips Hotline number at 281-427-8477 (TIPS), or text to 274637 (CRIMES) or fill out the online form. A code will be provided to the tipster so the tipster can follow up anonymously on the status of a reward.”

To report information to Crime Stoppers in a text message, a tipster may enter the number 274637 (CRIMES), add the tip message using “Baytown” as the first word, and then space and add the rest of the tip. The following may also be used to submit a tip anonymously online: <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=544>.

The Baytown Crime Stoppers Board consists of 25 adults, who strive to ensure that those in the community and schools understand how to use Crime Stoppers to report a tip and realize that they will remain anonymous. The Board also approves reward amounts and works with Campus Crime Stoppers programs, supporting their Jail-a-Thons and other fundraisers.

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