

# CRIME STOPPERS

A graphic of the Canadian flag, featuring a red maple leaf in the center, flanked by two red vertical rectangles, all set against a black background.

WINDSOR & ESSEX COUNTY

Essex Council Presentation April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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*Crime Stoppers 101*



# What is Crime Stoppers?

- We are a program that encourages individuals to report criminal activities (TIPS) ANONYMOUSLY.
- Tipsters could get a cash reward if the information leads to an arrest or seizure of illegal items.

# Our Local Crime Stoppers

PROGRAM IN EXISTANCE FOR 35+ YEARS LOCALLY.

WE HAVE A BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NUMEROUS  
VOLUNTEERS.

PROGRAM MANAGER.

TWO POLICE COORDINATORS.





# Principles of Crime Stoppers...

- REMAIN ANONYMOUS
- CASH REWARD
- NO COURT

# HOW WE STARTED...



ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

JULY 1976

## MURDER SOLVED

First Ever Crime Stoppers Program Solves Murder of College Student



College student, Michael Carman was fatally shot whilst working the night shift at a local gas station.



Detective Greg MacAleese

**"The public was certainly tired of crime and Crime Stoppers gave them a weapon — the telephone — to fight back.**  
**"Many of our early callers also had been too intimidated to call the police before because they didn't want to be identified as 'snitches.'**  
-Detective Greg MacAleese



U-Fill-Em Gas Station  
(the scene of the robbery/murder)

# How is Crime Stoppers funded...

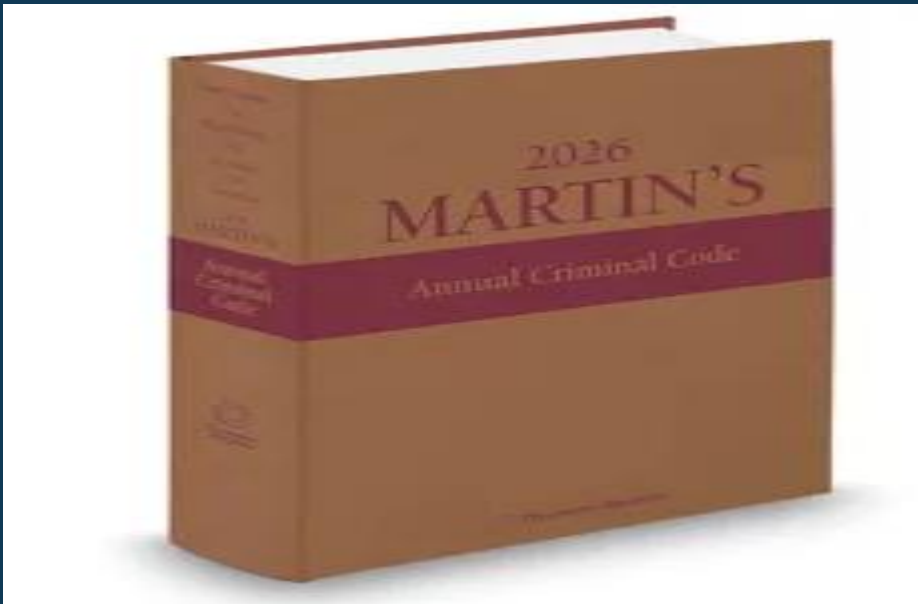
A few of our fundraising events:

- Annual Golf Tournament at the Kingsville Golf and Country Club.
- Southern Footprints Run at Point Pelee.
- Annual Wild Game Dinner Colasanti's Tropical Gardens.
- Police Week Devonshire Mall.

- No Government funding.
- Donations from the community.
- Fundraising events.



# What kind of crime leads can be forwarded to us...



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## 3 WAYS TO SUBMIT AN ANONYMOUS TIP

**CALL US AT:** 519 259 8477 (TIPS).

**ONLINE AT:** CATCHCROOKS.COM.

**MOBILE DEVICE:** P3TIPS.COM.

### MOBILE PHONE APP

Use these links to download Crime Stoppers mobile phone apps.



# Images and Videos:

Home security footage.

Screen captures.

Dash cam footage.

## RING DOORBELL IMAGE TIP OF GETAWAY SUSPECT VEHICLE



- Crop out any portion of the image that poses a risk to anonymity.



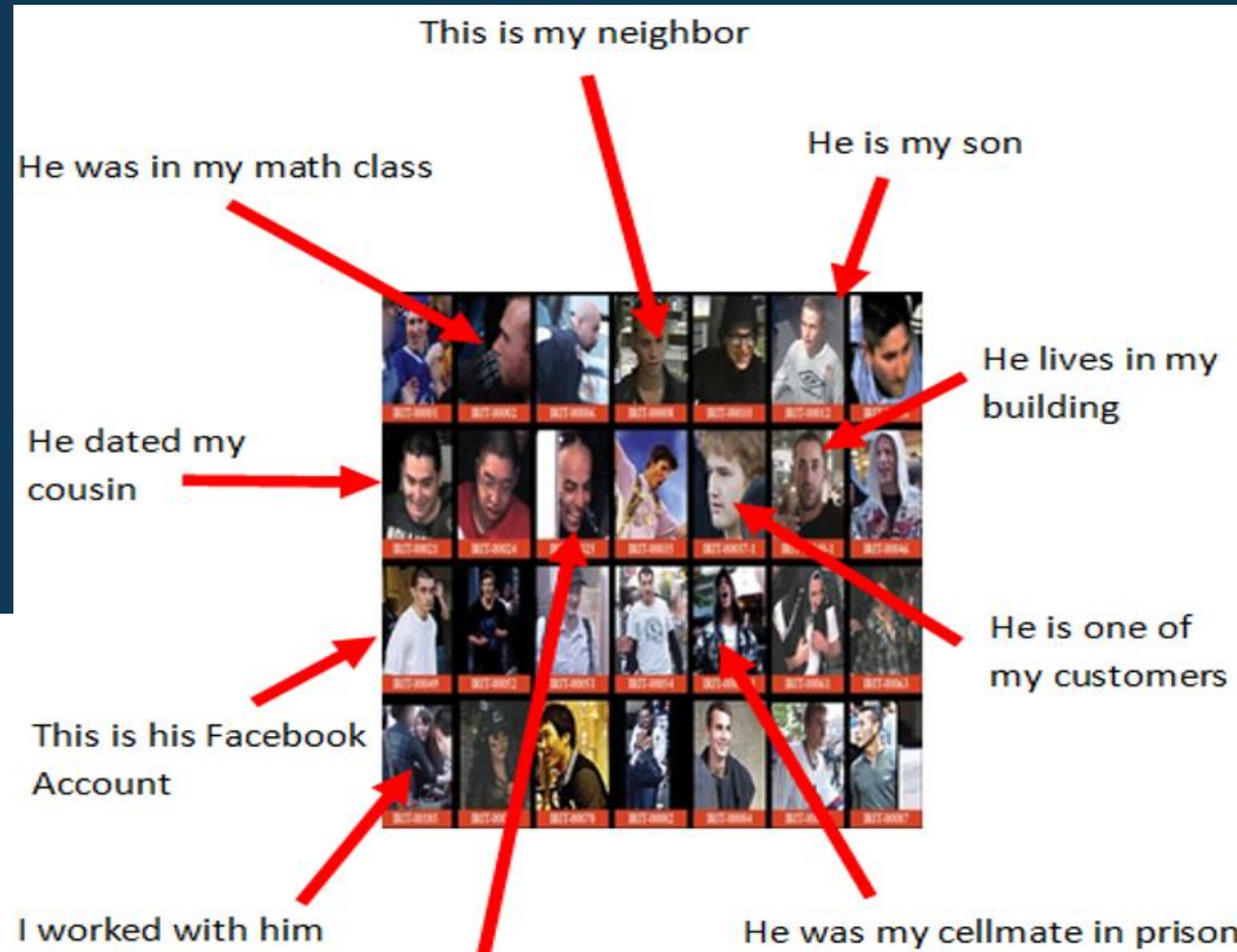
# WHY DO CRIME LEADS GO UNREPORTED...

Fear of Revenge or Testifying in Court.

Lack of Motivation or Interest to get Involved.

Embarrassment.

Reluctant.

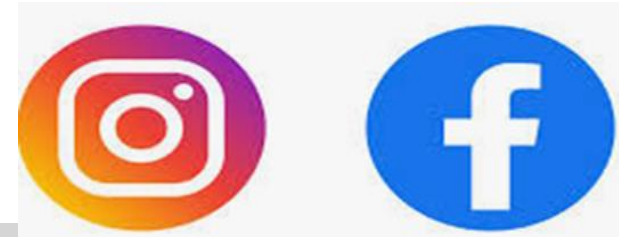


What generates tips locally?

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# From our Media Partners, Social Media and Website...



**Windsor & Essex County Crime Stoppers**  
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Let's see if we can help the community of Tecumseh solve this crime. Anyone with information can call the Tecumseh Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police or you can reach out to us at Windsor and Essex County Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous. You will not be required to attend court and you may be eligible for a cash reward. Tips can sent to us at 519 258 8477 (TIPS) or online at [www.catchcrooks.com](http://www.catchcrooks.com) or by way of the Crime Stoppers App p3tips.



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# Anonymous

Web tips are not monitored 24 hours a day.

If this is an emergency, call 911.

[ENTER WEBSITE](#) [DONATE TO THE PROGRAM](#)

# Plea for public assistance identifying thief.



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Does anyone recognize this suspect responsible for a theft in the Town of Essex. On the 10 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] approximately 3 a.m., two males stole an e-bike valued at \$1899 by using bolt cutters to cut off the lock. The one unidentified male suspect depicted in this image left with the bike. Call the Essex County OPP or contact us anonymously at 519 258 8477 (TIPS) or online at [catchcrooks.com](https://www.catchcrooks.com) (Incident Reference number: E [REDACTED]).

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# 12 FOOT LONG GATES STOLEN FROM THE GREENWAY TRAIL IN ESSEX

MARCH 28, 2025

Two heavy 12 foot gates preventing motorized vehicles from accessing the Cypher Systems Greenway in Essex were stolen sometime between the 19th and 24th of March 2025.

Thieves used a significant amount of preparation as the removal of these gates would have required advanced tools and loading the heavy gates into a large trailer.

If you know of any information about this theft and wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 519 258 TIPS or leave a tip online at [www.catchcrooks.com](http://www.catchcrooks.com)

You may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2000.



# How does a tip work?



- TIPSTER CALLS OR SUBMITS A TIP ONLINE.
- GIVEN A TIP NUMBER.
- POLICE COORDINATORS SENT THE TIP TO THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR INVESTIGATION.
- POLICE AND INVESTIGATE AND CONCLUDE TIP.
- TIPSTERS CHECK IN WITH US TO SEE IF THEY QUALIFY FOR A REWARD.
- BOARD HAS TO APPROVE REWARD.
- BANK GIVES OUT REWARD THROUGH ANONYMOUS NUMBER.
- WE WILL NEVER KNOW YOUR IDENTITY.

# How does a tip qualify for a reward?



- ARREST.
- CHARGES.
- SEIZURE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS/SUBSTANCES, WEAPONS OR STOLEN PROPERTY.
- GOOD INFORMATION.

# When NOT to call Crime Stoppers:



1. If you are the victim of a crime.
2. If this is an emergency.

# 2025 Statistics

- TIPS: 1819 (16% increase from 2024).
- ARRESTS: 71.
- CASES CLEARED: 140.
- CHARGES: 160.
- PROPERTY / RECOVERED: \$76,078.
- DRUGS SEIZED: \$750,451
- WEAPONS SEIZED: 6.



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