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President's Message

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Over the last several issues of In Pursuit, we discussed how to demonstrate to law enforcement and the community the quantitative impact of Crime Stoppers in your community. In our last issue, we discussed an easy analytical way how to calculate the Value of Crime Stoppers for our law enforcement partners. The analysis looked at the cost of a Crime Stoppers

It is important to make sure your Crime Stoppers organization remains recognizable and in a positive light with your law-enforcement agency partners, district attorney and judicial system in your community. This might be something as simple as undertaking a law enforcement recognition breakfast by inviting and acknowledging the law enforcement executives from each of your respective departments. This may take on the form of a short presentation and thanking them for their service to the community and to Crime Stoppers. I have seen some organizations work with their law-enforcement agencies and select a Police Officer of the Year and make it into a larger event within the community. This will help engage your law-enforcement community, as well as the media, in bringing recognition and acknowledgment to the law-enforcement agencies and the Crime Stoppers organization.

From a community perspective, I have seen Crime Stoppers organizations take on celebrations recognizing momentous occasions such as every five-year anniversaries. This may be done in conjunction with another community event, but passing out cake, ice cream and some beverages to community members along with pens or other trinkets from Crime Stoppers brings the awareness to the community during this celebratory time. And guess what, you can share your great statistics as well as how we are working to make the community more safe and secure for all.

Keeping our Crime Stoppers organizations in the minds of law enforcement and our community members requires a plan, time from board members and volunteers, and some of our hard earned funds. You've heard the term, 'you have to spend some money in order to make some money'. It is extremely important to keep the Crime Stoppers name in front of the law-enforcement agencies for support and engagement and with the community members for financial support and volunteers. Certainly, the value of Crime Stoppers and sharing of statistics is very important, but at some point we all need that 'pat on the back' or the 'atta boy' to maintain the momentum! Keep your Crime Stoppers organization vibrant and in the forefront with your law-enforcement partners community with timely and appropriate recognition!

anonymous tip as opposed to a law enforcement agency starting and completing an investigation solely on law-enforcement manpower. If you didn't see that article, please refer to the February 2017 issue of In Pursuit.

In the newsletter prior to that, the May 2016 In Pursuit discussed the need to maintain up-to-date and adequate statistics from the Crime Stoppers organizations to share with law enforcement, public and media demonstrating once again the hard work that Crime Stoppers undertakes in making our communities safer and more secure.

However, let's take a little time to look at some of the qualitative aspects in bringing value to your Crime Stoppers organization. Almost everyone likes to be acknowledged and recognized for a job well done. This certainly starts at a young age such as when your child arrives home with a great report card and a smile from ear to ear! Back when I was a kid, I was 'rewarded' with a dollar for every 'A' on my report card. Okay, so I might be dating myself, however, the point is there was some recognition and a reward for work well done.

The Value of Crime Stoppers

Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers Looking for Board Members

Have you ever dreamed of traveling to out of the way places? Make your mark? Leave a legacy? Protect, serve and leave your country in better shape than you found it?

Well here's your chance. By becoming a board director with the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers you will get the opportunity to do all the things listed above plus enjoy the companionship of 11 other dedicated Crime Stoppers.

Your state board has current vacancies and terms that will expire this spring. Terms range from one to two years. We are always looking for members who wish to become involved with the state program and help us to grow our state organization. Please consider joining the board by filling out this application. It is the board's hope to have representation from all parts of our state. If you have questions about the responsibilities in this position, please contact Nomination Committee Chair, Mik Devereaux (mikdevereaux@gmail.com) or President K. Scott Abrams (sabrams@crimestoppersusa.com). They will be glad to answer any questions.

Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers — Board Member Application

Name: _____

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Please list the names of you are now, or have been a member of:

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List special skills, interests or hobbies:

What can you contribute to the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers?

Date: _____

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Please email completed application to: Mik Devereaux mikdevereaux@gmail.com



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CRIME STOPPERS SUCCESS STORIES

Racine Man Accused of 2016 Murder Involving Delivery Driver

(By: Denise Lockwood—Reprinted with permission from Racine County Eye)

A Racine man has been charged for the 2016 murder of a delivery driver.

Alex T. Adams, 28, is accused of shooting James Norris, 37, a delivery driver for Super Steaks and Lemonade during a **botched robbery** on the 3900 block of Green Street.



Norris **was the father of four children** and his wife Stacy is blind.

Officers with the **Racine Police Department** were tipped off to Adams as a potential suspect through **Racine County Crime Stoppers**, according to a criminal complaint.

A witness saw Adams with a pistol after the murder the night

of March 25, 2016. Adams had apparently asked the witness to join him in robberies in the past.

Two days after the murder, Adams went to another Racine man and gave him a .38 revolver as well as some ammunition. Adams allegedly told the man, "I had to shoot him," and "I wasn't trying to do it, it just happened."

A firearms expert confirmed told police the gun was used in the murder of the delivery driver.

During the investigation, police also recovered security footage from Walmart on 3049 S. Oaks Road, shows Adams purchasing the kind of ammunition he gave to the man to hide.

Adams was already detained after being arrested on another warrant. He is charged with first degree intentional homicide and armed robbery.

Juvenile Referred in Devils Lake Damage Case

(Chip Meister, Sauk County Sheriff)

Vandalism at Devils Lake

A 16 year old juvenile from Onalaska, WI has been referred to juvenile court in connection to the numerous acts of vandalism involving spray paint graffiti from Aug 10th 2016. Devil's Lake officials from the DNR reported that the main entrance sign leading to the North Shore of the park had been painted over with satanic symbols. Upon further investigation, numerous road signs in the area and other structures in the park were also spray painted causing extensive damage.

Working through Sauk County Crime Stoppers, the Sauk County Sheriff's Office received a number of tips and information regarding the incident. Sheriff's Detectives interviewed a number of individuals in LaCrosse County and served a search warrant in the City of Onalaska during this investigation.

The 16 year old suspect was vacationing with relatives in the area during the time of the vandalism and it is unknown at this time if others will be charged. The Sauk County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens that their input and information in matters like these are vital to their investigations.

Other cases solved by citizen involvement and tips

Recently, 4 other incidents where anonymous tips were received helped in the arrest of 3 persons who were wanted by Sauk County authorities due to outstanding charges/arrest warrants, and another tip resulted in a narcotics arrest at the Reedsburg High School. Sauk County Crime Stoppers is also working with the Sauk Prairie Police Department regarding numerous acts of criminal damage to government and personal property including road signs, mail boxes and slashed tires.



Two Arrested, Numerous Drugs Seized In Sauk County Drug Bust

From Detective J. Hannagan—Took this information through Tipsoft and did a lot of communication with the tipster through our narcotics team leading to the following arrests.

BARABOO (WKOW) -- Two people have been arrested, and drugs, cash, and paraphernalia have been seized following a search warrant executed in the City of Baraboo.

The Sauk County Drug Task Force says they obtained and executed the search warrant as a result of on-going drug investigations.

At the residence at 309 Mulberry Street in Baraboo, drugs, cash, and paraphernalia were seized. This included more than 200 grams of Marijuana, 11.6 grams of LSD, 1.1 grams of Cocaine, 2.3 grams of Crack Cocaine, 1.8 grams of Meth, several grams of DMT, and \$19,590 in cash.

51-year-old William Zierdt, of Baraboo and 42-year-old Carrie Christofano of Baraboo were arrested. They face multiple charges, including possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a drug trafficking place, and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a public school.

While officers were serving the warrant, the Al. Behrman Elementary School was placed into Administrative hold to ensure the safety of students and staff.

The investigation is ongoing.



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