

## **CRIME STOPPERS – *an anonymous way to report crime***

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There is a nation-wide initiative the Housing Office would like you to be aware of and have access to. It's called **Crime Stoppers**, and our state has its own program called *CRIME STOPPERS OF MINNESOTA* that seeks to prevent and solve crimes on the local level.

The following information is found on their website:

[www.crimestoppersmn.org/howitworks.aspx](http://www.crimestoppersmn.org/howitworks.aspx)

### *How It Works*

Your contact with them is completely anonymous.

You may be eligible to receive a reward of up to \$1,000.

You can report on **any** crime or fugitive you have knowledge about, whether or not it has been in the news or on the Crime Stoppers website.

### *How to Report a "Tip"*

You can either call, text, or submit an online tip. Here's how:

To report a tip by phone, call:            1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

\*Toll free from anywhere in Minnesota, answered 24/7 by live person at the Crime Stoppers Call Center, no caller-id is used, conversations are not recorded, and they do not ask for your name. They can accept and translate calls in different languages, and each caller is given their own unique Tip ID which allows you to provide additional information or for checking on the status for receiving an award.

To report a tip via text-message:        Begin the message with TIP67  
Send to CRIMES or (274637)

\*You'll be sent an auto-reply message confirming your tip, and in that message you will have your Tip ID. To submit follow-up

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information simply REPLY....nothing else is needed. This secure application allows you and Crime Stoppers to have a two-way dialogue while remaining completely anonymous. The thread of messages can be terminated at any time by texting STOP.

You can even submit a tip through a smart-phone app called "TipSubmit Mobile APP." It's free, and you can install it by searching for "TipSoft" or "TipSubmit" in the Apple iTunes App Store. Once again, anonymity is promised through this feature as well.