

Hello. My name is Wendy Hummell, and I am a Detective with the Wichita Police Department. I am currently the coordinator for the Crime Stoppers Program in Wichita/Sedgwick County. Most people don't know that Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization, soley based on donations from the community. It is a division of the Wichita Crime Commission. The program is based on a partnership between law enforcement, the community, and the media.

The program encourages citizens to call Crime Stoppers if they have information about a felony crime, and wish to remain anonymous. This means that they have not directly contacted law enforcement. Crime Stoppers always encourages cooperation with law enforcement, but in those cases where citizens do not want to call police, they are encouraged to provide the information they have anonymously through Crime Stoppers by one of the following ways:

Call (316) 267-2111 or 1-800-222-TIPS

Text TIP217 plus your tip to CRIMES (274637) or

Report a tip **online** at <u>www.wichitasedqwickcountycrimestoppers.com</u>.

Crime Stoppers is based on the premise that someone other than the criminal has information that can help to solve a crime, and was created to combat major obstacles faced by law enforcment in generating that information.

- 1. Fear of REPRISAL
- 2. An attitude of APATHY
- 3. Reluctance to get INVOLVED

Crime Stoppers resolves these problems by:

- 1. Offering ANONYMITY
- 2. Paying REWARDS

If information is provided through Crime Stoppers, and that information leads to an arrest or helps the investigation in a significant way, then the tipster is eligible for a reward. The amount of the reward is determined by the Crime Stoppers Board, a group of citizen volunteers.

If you would like more information on the program or you are intersted in volunteering you may call the Wichita Crime Commission at 267-1235.