



Crime Stoppers of Waukesha County Announces Launch of New Online and Text Tip Service

Citizens in Waukesha can send anonymous text and web tips to Waukesha County Crime Stoppers

Waukesha– March 1, 2012– For the first time, mobile phone users can provide anonymous crime fighting tips to Crime Stoppers of Waukesha County. The new service, called TipSoft, allows citizens to send anonymous tips online through our website at crimestoppersofwaukeshacounty.com or by sending a text message to "CRIMES" (274637) with the keyword WAUKESHA from a mobile phone. Citizens may also use our toll free tip line at 1-888 441-5505.

"The convenience of being able to submit crime tips online through our website and by text will make it even easier for the public to help law enforcement agencies fight crime," said Brad Schimel, Waukesha County District Attorney. "Through our new system, citizens can safely assist law enforcement without disclosing their identity. As has always been the case, individuals who provide information that assists in solving a crime may be eligible for cash rewards up to \$1,000."

The TipSoft system allows law enforcement agencies and members of the public to have a two-way dialog that is completely secure and anonymous. The service allows tipsters to remain anonymous by encrypting the messages, assigning them a unique alias and ID number, and routing them through secure servers, protecting the personal details of the information provider.

Citizens are encouraged to use these new resources to report information about any non-urgent illegal activity, such as unsolved cases, vandalism, theft, the sale and distribution of drugs or information about crimes that are being planned in our community or in our schools. Members of the public should dial 911 to report a crime currently in progress or for any emergency.

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