

PRESS RELEASE

CRIME STOPPERS DOMINICA REPORTS OVER 1,000 CALLS LEADING TO 11 ARRESTS

Crime Stoppers Dominica announced today that since receiving its first tip in May 2013, it has received over 1,000 calls, which has resulted in 53 valid tips leading to 11 arrests. Worldwide, the organization has 1,200 programmers operating in more than 25 countries resulting in over 800,000 arrests and recovery of billions of dollars of property and drugs.

“We believe Crime Stoppers is working and gaining the confidence of the general public because it is a safe and secure way to speak up and play our part in reducing crime,” says founding/executive director Genevieve Astaphan. “All tips – whether via 1-800-TIPS [8477] or online at crimestoppersdominica.org – are answered by a Call Center in Canada where the information is processed. Telephone calls are free and there is no Caller ID. The operators that answer the calls in Canada or that receive the web tips are professionally trained and are not interested in anyone’s identify, rather just the information they have on a crime. “

The Dominica programme was initiated in late 2012 with the objective of working together with the Community, the Media and Law Enforcement to reduce crime. The programme is made possible through private sector donations and support by the media. 2013 sponsors include Archipelago Trading, Auto Trade Ltd., Belfast Estates, CIBC FirstCaribbean International Bank, Digicel, Fort Young Hotel, JE Nassief, J. Astaphan & Co., LIME, National Bank of Dominica, Petro Caraibe, Ross University, Royal Bank of Canada, Scotia Bank, Secret Bay Resort and Springfield Trading Limited. Critical media support has been provided by DA Vibes, DBS Radio, Digicel, Dominica News Online, Inside Dominica, Kairi FM, MARPIN 2K4, Possie Vibes, Q95 FM, SAT Telecommunications Ltd and The Chronicle.

How Crime Stoppers Works

If you have information on ANY TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, whether it has already happened, is in progress or is going to happen.

- Call 1-800-TIPS [8477] and give the operator the information or go online at crimestoppersdominica.org and click the Submit Tip button. Do not give your name. You will receive a confidential tip number.
- Your call is answered by a professionally trained attendant at a call center in Canada. The call is free, it is confidential and there is no caller ID. The information is then transmitted through Crime Stoppers Dominica to the Police and acted upon.
- You may also call back Crime Stoppers within 21 days using your confidential tip number to find out the status of the tip. If the tip has led to an arrest you are entitled to a reward, and the call center will instruct you how to receive your reward, safely and securely.

About Crime Stoppers International & Crime Stoppers Dominica

Founded in 1976, Crime Stoppers has more than 1,200 programmes in more than 25 countries. Tips have led to over 800,000 arrests being made with billions of dollars of property and drugs being recovered.

Crime Stoppers is a community-based, non-profit organization managed by a civilian board of directors. It is a partnership between the Community, the Media and Law Enforcement. The mandate is to “Work Together to solve and Prevent Crime”.

CRIME STOPPERS IS SAFE AND IT WORKS.

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