

Crime Watch: Fighting felons through tips

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Two area men, possibly residents of Farmington Hills and Westland, are entitled to \$250 each but nobody knows how to contact either of them for payment.

Both men are anonymous tipsters, entitled to reward money paid by the Southfield-based Citizens Crime Watch for information leading to the arrest of criminals.

One has been due the money since mid-May, when information he supplied resulted in the arrest of a Farmington Hills drug trafficker. The other has been due the reward since last October, when a Westland drug trafficker was arrested.

"We know nothing about callers who phone us with tips. We don't know names or addresses. We never see them. The only person who knows their identity, is the tipster," said Sandy Howard of Crime Watch, a private non-profit organization. Howard knows tipsters only by an assigned number. Unless they call her, she has no way of contacting

them or paying rewards to those who have earned them.

In this instance, however, Howard speculated each caller lives in the community where arrests occurred. Chances are, she said, they even live near suspects. One thing is certain, callers knew suspects well enough to supply police with detailed information about criminal activity.

THIS is particularly true in the instance of the Farmington Hills tip. Once an arrest was made, the tipster called and informed Howard of the news. "He knew the person who was arrested, and he knew exactly when the arrest occurred," she said.

Anonymity is one reason Citizens Crime Watch was founded two years ago, according to Johannes Spreen, a former Oakland County sheriff and Detroit police commissioner who now directs the organization.

Spreen and others concerned with spiraling crime rates said the organization provides opportunity to report crime tips under the protective cloak of anonymity by those who are hesitant. Otherwise, such tips are likely not reported.

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The organization maintains a 24-hour hotline, 1-800-822-2911, manned by a revolving group of law students, police officers and others. Once information is received, it is immediately passed along to the appropriate police agency.

"We never ask for details. We don't ask their relationship to the suspect. We don't ask if they've called the police. We just take the information they offer and hope it's enough," Howard said.

In the instance of the Westland tip,

information was detailed and complete enough to lead to an arrest within three weeks. The tip was received Oct. 3. The case closed Oct. 24 with a suspect's arrest.

Once an arrest is made, Crime Watch closes its file. "We don't require conviction (to pay a reward). Just an arrest," Howard said.

NORMALLY, HOWEVER, the process is much longer. The Farmington Hills tip, for example, was received nearly a year ago but the

case was not closed until May 18 when an arrest was verified by police after the tipster called Howard.

Crime Watch currently has some eight cases pending, including an armed robbery in Auburn Hills and an incident in Livonia involving receipt and concealment of stolen property.

The armed robbery tip was received in February and the Livonia tip was received June 13. Other recent tips include reports of Social Security fraud and child abuse. Most unsolicited tips involve drug trafficking and the majority are received in the afternoon.

Not all tipsters are in search of rewards. "You can tell who is interested in money and who is more interested in getting criminals off our streets," Howard said.

Tipsters reporting child abuse are generally "sincerely" concerned. Once information is received, "We never expect to hear from them again."

Rewards are set once a case is closed. Amounts are based on the nature of the crime and the importance of the tip in leading to an arrest.

Crime Watch also offers a flat reward of \$1,000 for information in solving particularly heinous or unusual crimes culled from hundreds of news clippings received daily by the organization.

Currently, leads are sought in the rape of a Kalamazoo mother of four who was attacked while hiking on a nature trail and in the beating and \$4,000 robbery of a Clay Township woman who escaped intruders in her home by plunging through a plate glass window.

CRIME WATCH also offered a \$1,000 reward last February after the Southfield High School library was set afire by arsonists. When the crime was solved without benefit of tips, Crime Watch donated the reward money to a citywide effort aimed at rebuilding the library.

More recently, the organization offered \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of whoever dumped hundreds of gallons of a tar-based emulsion into a sewer leading into Lake St. Clair, Crime Watch's "first environmental crime." Reward money is generated through advertisement in the organization's safety manual, a booklet bound in black and containing safety hints for preventing crime and listings of area businesses who have bought ads in the book that sell for \$29 each.

Crime Busters, those who have paid up to \$100, include Auto Haulway in Farmington Hills, Carlos Murphy's Irish-Mexican Cafe and Northland Tire & Service in Southfield and Birmingham's Metal-Mates and Camera Ready.

Sponsor and patron advertisers, listed by county and paying up to \$50 each, include Livonia Danish Bakery, the Garden City Fruit Market, Unique Mystique in Westland and Omicron of Michigan in Canton. "Let's face it," the booklet cautions, "Crime doesn't always happen to someone else, somewhere else."

The intention of Citizens Crime Watch is to ensure those who perpetrate crimes are apprehended.

For more information, write 18877 W. 10 Mile, Suite 103, Southfield 48075 or call 569-0315.

Anti-crime group seeks 'most wanted'

Citizens Crime Watch offers a standing reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of any person whose name appears on the most recently released State Police list of Michigan's most wanted criminals.

Those listed in June are:

- Emory Glaston Hyatt, a 57-year-old white man wanted by Livonia police for murder. Described as 5-feet 8-inches tall and weighing 135 pounds, Hyatt has gray hair, blue eyes, a scar on his left hand and tattoos on his left arm and one finger of his left hand.

- Frank Joseph Perfetti, a 30-year-old white man wanted by the Bloomfield Township police for murder and arson. Described as 5-feet 10-inches tall and weighing 150 pounds, Perfetti has brown hair and blue eyes.

- Rodney Keith Hayes, a 21-year-old black man wanted by the Troy FBI for murder and unlawful flight. Described as 6-feet 1-inch tall, he weighs 200 pounds.

- Gary Gene Garlinghouse, a 42-year-old white man wanted by the Troy FBI for kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct, attempted murder and unlawful flight. Described as 5-feet 9-inches tall, he weighs 230 pounds, has a large scar under his right eye and a tattoo on his right forearm.

- Kelly Wright, a 39-year-old black man is wanted by the Detroit FBI for murder, assault with intent to murder and criminal sexual conduct. Described as 6 feet 2 inches tall, he weighs 170 pounds and has a scar on his nose.

- Francisco Javier Colon, a 35-year-old white man wanted by

Grand Rapids police for murder, is described as being 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing 150 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes.

- Wardell David Ford, a black man wanted for murder and robbery by the Detroit FBI. A 1982 escapee from the Michigan Department of Corrections, Ford is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 151 pounds.

- John Kelly Gentry, Jr., a 36-year-old white man is wanted by the Monroe County Sheriff for murder. Described as 5 feet 7 inches tall, he weighs 154 pounds, has brown hair

and eyes and a circular burn scar on his left elbow. "LCL" is burned into his upper left arm.

- Kevin Leroy Cork and Emory Glaston Hyatt, both wanted for murder, were recently included on the list, replacing Kendrick Darrell Youngblood and Derrick Reginald Ricks, both of whom have been apprehended.

Ricks, who kidnapped a Redford Township woman from the lot of a grocery store and raped her, was arrested in Detroit.

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