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Media Advisory

Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Board approves cash reward in Sam's Club abduction case

The Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Board today approved a cash reward for tips that led to police identifying and arresting two men accused of abducting a woman from a grocery store parking lot in December.

With the help of tips received by Crime Solvers, detectives last month arrested Mark John Albrecht II, 36, and Jorge Andres Zambrana, 49, both of Virginia Beach, on charges of robbery, carjacking, abduction and conspiracy. Both men remain in custody at the Virginia Beach Correctional Center on those pending charges.

Albrecht and Zambrana are charged with abducting a woman at knifepoint as she loaded groceries into her car outside the Sam's Club at 3345 Virginia Beach Blvd. at about 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015. They're accused of then driving her to various ATMs to force her to withdraw money for them before dropping her off near the original abduction site.

Crime Solvers offers a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for tips that lead to an arrest or recovery of stolen property. Tipsters are guaranteed anonymity under Virginia law.

While the Crime Solvers Board does not publicize the amount of individual awards, it approved 67 rewards in 2015 worth \$15,089. In 2015, Crime Solvers received 950 tips that led to 73 arrests on 154 charges and the recovery of \$17,880 in stolen property.

Since its inception in 1982, Virginia Beach Crime Solvers has helped solve 16,000 crimes and paid out nearly \$1 million in awards.

Crime Solvers is a nonprofit entity that raises all of the money used to pay for tip rewards. No tax money is used.

To make a donation or for more information, including on unsolved crimes, visit crimesolvers.com. To submit an anonymous tip, call 1-888-LOCK-U-UP (1-888-562-5887) or text the information and "VBTIP" to 274637.