



Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Homicide Suspect Arrested



On August 17, 2021 Virginia Beach Police were dispatched to Elm Grove Court reference a shot fired call for service. Once officers arrived, they conducted a safety sweep of the involved apartment where they located a deceased adult male with several gunshot wounds in the back bedroom. A neighbor had heard the gun shots, observed a male suspect run down the stairs, and soon after the children who resided in the apartment began knocking on her door.

Homicide Detective Angela Murphy responded to the case and began her investigation. She learned that there was an earlier dispute over the telephone between the female resident and an ex-boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend made threatening statements against her and her current boyfriend whom she resided with. The female was away but called the downstairs neighbor due to her concerns that her ex was in the area. The neighbor looked outside and did not see anyone, but soon after heard gunfire.

On August 18, 2021 Crime Solvers received a TIP that provided video of the suspect, suspect vehicle, and how the suspect left the crime scene. This confirmed Detective Murphy's

suspect along with providing vehicle information.

Detective Murphy quickly obtained arrest warrants for 2nd degree murder, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The suspect had fled the state but was subsequently arrested on the outstanding warrants and extradited back to Virginia Beach.

Detective Murphy interviewed the suspect and obtained a confession. From a thorough criminal investigation, to the TIPSTER coming forward with key evidence, all attributed to the arrest of a violent felon.

Detective Murphy is a tenured officer who has been with the Virginia Beach Police Department since 2007. Her previous assignments include 3rd Precinct Patrol and numerous assignments in the Detective Bureau that make her one of our senior detectives with diversity and knowledge to handle an array of cases. Detective Murphy received the 'Clyde D. Hathaway Award' for her work in using a Crime Solvers tip in this case during the recent Virginia Beach Annual Awards ceremony.

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Crime Stoppers of Houston

YOUNG MOTHER KILLED WHILE HOLDING SON

On July 1, 2021, the victim was preparing for her son's first birthday and was holding him when her ex began arguing with her. The suspect produced a firearm and shot the victim who was holding the toddler. Prior to fleeing the scene, the suspect also shot the one-year-old boy in the lower leg. The toddler was transported to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Sadly, the young mother did not survive her injuries.

The suspect was out on seven felony bonds when this incident took place. An anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers of Houston led law enforcement officers to the location of the suspect.

BRUTAL RAPIST IDENTIFIED AND CAPTURED

On September 29, 2021, a female victim was out running and then stopped near a light pole. The suspect walked past, turned around and proceeded to approach the victim. He grabbed her and placed his arm around the victim's neck while holding a sharp plastic object close to the side of her neck demanding money and threatening to kill her.

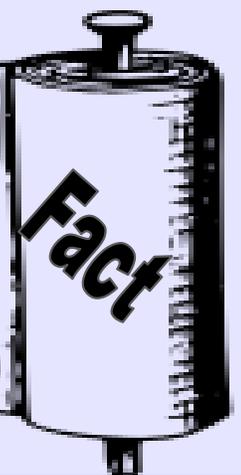
While searching the victim for money, the suspect found her pepper spray and threatened to use it if she attempted to escape again. The suspect terrorized the victim for quite some time, during which she was sexually assaulted multiple times, kidnapped and forced to transfer money to the suspects banking accounts.

The victim was finally able to break loose from the suspect and approached a bystander that was walking their dog to ask for help. A composite sketch of the suspect was published along with a still image taken from an ATM camera. Crime Stoppers received tips that provided crucial information that identified the suspect who was eventually arrested.



Crime Stoppers programs in the United States are successful with the anonymous tip program, resulting in clearing 1.16 million cases from 1976 to April 1, 2021, including 14,769 homicides and leading to over 800,000 arrests. In addition, over \$4.2 billion in recovered stolen property and illegal drugs seized!

** Source: Crime Stoppers USA Information Management System.*





CRIME STOPPERS USA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Crime Stoppers USA is a tax-exempt, charitable organization organized, governed and operated by a volunteer board of directors. These volunteer board members are representatives from local Crime Stoppers programs throughout the United States that provide administrative support, networking, training and guidance to the over 325 local membership programs. This requires time, talent and resources.

Since Crime Stoppers USA came into existence in 2001, it has subsisted primarily on membership dues from the local Crime Stoppers programs. Lately, Crime Stoppers USA has taken on a new online and improved training strategy, seeking to improve our interactive website and improve our communication tools with membership, as well as its ongoing operational expenses in the fight against crime throughout the United States. This required financial resources.

May we count on your support in meeting our financial obligations as we work to make our communities more safe and secure for all? Please click on the link below to make a sponsorship or donation to Crime Stoppers USA. We need your support to continue our mission, which is:

To provide Best Practices and Training for the anonymous tip-taking programs in the United States while assisting in creating the meaningful partnerships at the national, state and local levels.

Please consider providing a tax-deductible donation in support of Crime Stoppers USA today!

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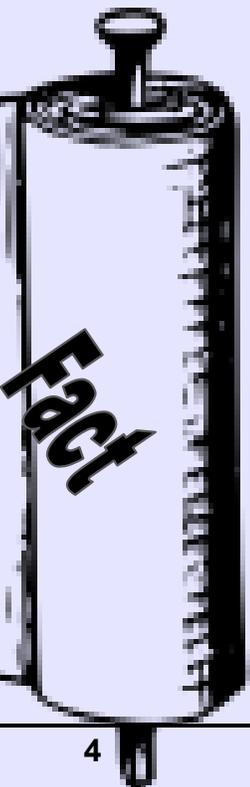
ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers posted a surveillance photo from an armed robbery. An anonymous tipster recognized the unique jewelry and provided the identity of the suspect to Crime Stoppers. The suspect was later linked to two additional armed robberies. Sacramento Police surveilled the suspect to a Walmart and chased him through the store. When arrested, he was unarmed, but a search discovered the loaded gun hidden in the bread aisle. When arrested, the suspect was wearing the same jewelry as seen in the surveillance photo, and the weapon also matched the weapon seen in the photo.



Crime Stoppers received permission to use the 'Crime Stoppers' name from Chester Gould who created the famous Dick Tracy comic strip, which he wrote and drew from 1931 to 1977. In the strip, Dick Tracy's son, Junior and his friends came to assist with some cases and called themselves Crime Stoppers.

Chester Gould eventually combined the Crimestoppers word in his comic strips and asked that Crime Stoppers organizations keep the word separate to not breach trademark issues as well as not to confuse the organization with his comic strip.



IDENTIFYING & PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT

Types of Identity Theft

Some of the most common types of ID theft include:

- **Driver's license theft:** Someone uses your license to buy items under your name and get other forms of identification with their picture.
- **Credit or debit card fraud:** When someone uses your credit card or credit account to make purchases.
- **Tax ID theft:** When someone uses your social security number to file tax returns with the IRS or your state.
- **Medical ID theft:** When someone else uses your health insurance number to obtain medical services or send fake bills to your health insurance provider.

How Do You Know Your Identity Has Been Stolen?

How do you know your identity has been stolen? You might be a victim of ID theft if:

- You receive bills for items you didn't buy.
- You get calls from bill collectors for accounts you didn't open.
- There are withdrawals from your bank account or charges on your credit card you don't recognize.
- Your credit score changes unexpectedly, or accounts appear on your credit report that you don't recognize.

How To Prevent Identity Theft

How to prevent identity theft:

- Keep your social security number safe. Do not put your social security card in your wallet, and do not share your social security number unless absolutely necessary for work or financial purposes. If you throw away documents with your social security number on them, shred them first.
- Do not share personal information like your birthdate or bank account number unless absolutely necessary. If you throw away documents with your personal information on them, shred them first.
- Bring your mail in every day to keep personal information or credit applications from sitting in your mailbox.
- Password protect all technology (laptops, smart phones, wi-fi).
- Install trusted antivirus and antispyware on your computer, and never download anything from a source you don't trust.

Source: National Police Association

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