

Counterfeiters caught in Crime Stoppers success story

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If it weren't for Crime Stoppers, local businesses might be swimming in counterfeit bills.

Instead, an anonymous tipster called the Crime Stoppers telephone number with information about some counterfeit money. Then, late last month, Halton Regional Police arrested two people and recovered more than \$25,000 in phony bills, in denominations of \$50 and \$100.

"Some of the money had turned up in local businesses," said Sgt. Dave Atkinson, who has coordinated Crime Stoppers since it started almost two years ago.

"With counterfeit money, you can usually assume there's a batch worth over \$1 million. We were able to make an arrest before it really surfaced on the streets."

Information about unsolved crime is printed in *The Halton Hills WeekEnd* and nine other newspapers serving Halton. The items include a brief description of the event and the telephone number (1-800-668-5151).

Callers are not expected to reveal their identities. If information leads to an arrest, rewards of up to \$1,000 are offered.

In addition to the newspaper ads, Crime Stoppers features are read aloud over radio stations CING (FM 108) and CHWO in Oakville.

CHCH television in Hamilton recently helped produce a crime re-enactment show, first broadcast in September. The station has agreed to produce one Halton segment every two months or so.

"We've received over 400 real tips since we started," said Sgt. Atkinson. "Only about 10 per cent of the crimes get solved that we publish or broadcast. But because the telephone number is there, we get information about all kinds of crime."

Statistics prove how effective Crime Stoppers has been since it was brought to Halton in December, 1989.

As of Nov. 1, 135 cases had been cleared; \$186,500 in stolen property had been recovered; \$197,705 in illicit drugs had been seized. During that time, \$3,200 in reward money had been handed over to callers who helped with information.

That means one dollar in reward money was spent for every \$58.31 in property recovered.

The funding for the cash rewards comes solely from contributions by businesses and private individuals, at no expense to the taxpayers.

"Businesses have been supportive," said Sgt. Atkinson. "It's both the large and the small business which are affected by things like fraud, theft and break-ins, so it's understandable that they'd want to help out."

Crime Stoppers



Do you know of a drug dealer in your community? Call Crime Stoppers of Halton with your information. Remember if your information leads to an arrest you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000. Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-668-5151.

Shaw's killer still loose

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Shaw had spent that Easter weekend visiting her family at her parents' home. She left Huttonville at 11 p.m. to return to the University of Western Ontario where she was scheduled to write an exam the following day.

She stopped at a truck stop in Milton to buy gasoline, and at a fast food restaurant in Ingersoll for something to eat. Investigators suspect someone may have tampered with the tire of her car at the restaurant so she would have a flat tire on the highway.

Two men suspected

OPP Supt. Wib Crig said there is a possibility two men killed Shaw, but police are continuing to follow up leads and investigate suspects.

An FBI psychological profile of the killer describes him as a quick-tempered and impulsive person

with a history of stormy, short-term relationships. He is probably a manual laborer, or someone who works with his hands. He could have a history of trouble with authority, both as a child and an adult.

Police also believe he suffered burns to his hands when he tried to set fire to Shaw's body. A dark blue, hooded duffel coat was found near her body. Although the particular brand of coat was sold to only about 1,250 people across Canada by mail order, OPP investigators have been unable to pin down exactly who bought them. They were sold new between 1977 and 1980 and many have since been resold, according to Craig.

Anyone with information should call Woodstock OPP at 519-539-9090, Peel police at 453-3311 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 222-TIPS (222-8477).

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