

Crime Stoppers of Halton

Suspects sought

By Sgt. ROD CLIFFE
Crime Stoppers of Halton

A homeowner in rural Halton Hills scared off two burglars who ran empty handed to their car last November.

At 2.05 p.m. on November 24th, a resident of 12609 Fifth Line was awakened by the sound of someone trying to open a bedroom door. The owner shouted, causing the thieves to flee before they had a chance to steal anything.

Entry had initially been gained by forcing a rear door. Apparently one thief went upstairs while the second stayed downstairs.

When they ran from the house, the two suspects ran to an older model brown two door car. The driver was described as male, white, 20-25 years, with a slim build and short brown hair. He was wearing a tan jacket. There is no description for the passenger.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other case, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000. You need not give your name and your information will be treated with complete anonymity.

Please call 1-800-668-5151 or 825-TIPS (That's 825-8477)



SGT. ROD CLIFFE

Relationship with local programs is purpose

By ANNE BUCHANAN
Crime Stoppers International

The purpose for Crime Stoppers International's Board of Directors is to represent the member programs on national and international levels, and to conduct the business of CSI through Board meetings, communication with member programs, and through the activities of the regions and committees.

CSI, based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, also supports a network of Crime Stoppers co-ordinators and programs by providing leadership, fostering co-operation, encouraging information exchange, and seeking involvement from all segments of society to extend and improve Crime Stoppers programs internationally.

I represent Region 8 at Crime Stoppers International. The area covers Ontario, Manitoba, and that portion of the Northwest Territories bordering those provinces.

We (at CSI) offer guidance and support to programs while aiding the development and establishment of new programs. We are also there to respond to the needs of Crime Stoppers programs, their Boards, and their co-ordinators.

Another rather large task of this Board is to arrange education seminars and workshops at the Annual International Conference which keep all programs up-to-date on the latest information in Crime Prevention, legal issues, methods of raising funds, crime trends, and dealing with the clients of the program.

All local Crime Stoppers programs are autonomous, but the Region representative assists with communication by bringing news and ideas from CSI to the local Boards, and from the local Boards to CSI.

I am a Board member for the Brant-Brantford Crime Stoppers program, but as Region 8 representative to CSI, I am one of 30 Board members whose specific duties are to:

- represent my specific jurisdiction
- be responsible for the supervision of regional activities and growth in membership in my area
- maintain a list of Regional members and files for regional correspondence, and
- report no less than quarterly to the Board of Directors of CSI.

To be eligible for nomination as a regional representative, the candidate must be an active local Board member who has served a full year as an elected local Board member; must have attended at least one international conference; and you must live in the area you represent.

A regional representative serves for two years. I am thoroughly enjoying my work with both my local Board and at CSI. You have a very committed and active Board in Halton that is serving your community very well.

I offer my services to them at any time assistance or information is needed.

Crime Stoppers — here's how it works

If someone has any information to offer that may solve a crime, or has knowledge of a drug operation, or knows someone for whom the Police hold an arrest warrant, all it takes to earn some cash is a call to the Crime Stoppers office.

This is how it works. The call taker will listen to what the caller has to say. There may be some questions asked to clarify points, but a question that will not be asked is, "What is your name?" Crime Stoppers makes every effort to ensure the anonymity of people calling with information to offer.

The call taker will even avoid referring to the caller as "he" or "she" when forwarding the "tip" report to the officer or unit responsible for investigating the incident.

The caller is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers back if more information becomes

available, or so the caller can learn whether or not they are entitled to a reward.

In order for call takers to be able to match a caller to a specific report, the caller will be provided with an identifier that - for the Crime Stoppers staff - becomes the caller's "name".

If the investigation of the tip is successful, the Board of Directors will decide the amount of the reward the caller is entitled to at a monthly meeting.

The caller is asked to call back after that meeting to learn the location where a Board member will pass the cash reward to the caller. (A cheque would make anonymity difficult to protect.)

All rewards are paid with funds raised through fundraising activities of the Board. No tax dollars are used.

Community support

Banks and insurance companies regularly reimburse Crime Stoppers of rewards paid relating to crimes effecting them directly.

The Crime Stoppers car was donated by the Rotary Club of Oakville-Trafalgar. The 1988 Ford Taurus has rolled through a lot of kilometers, and the Royal Canadian Legion's Milton Branch has been generous enough to donate a brand new Plymouth Voyager to replace the car. Delivery is expected this month.

Service clubs, businesses, private citizens, and charitable foundations have Crime Stoppers on their annual donations list.

CHCH TV11 in Hamilton allows us to broadcast Crime re-enactments during their newscasts in an effort to generate calls to Crime Stoppers with the information needed to solve cases that may otherwise go unsolved.

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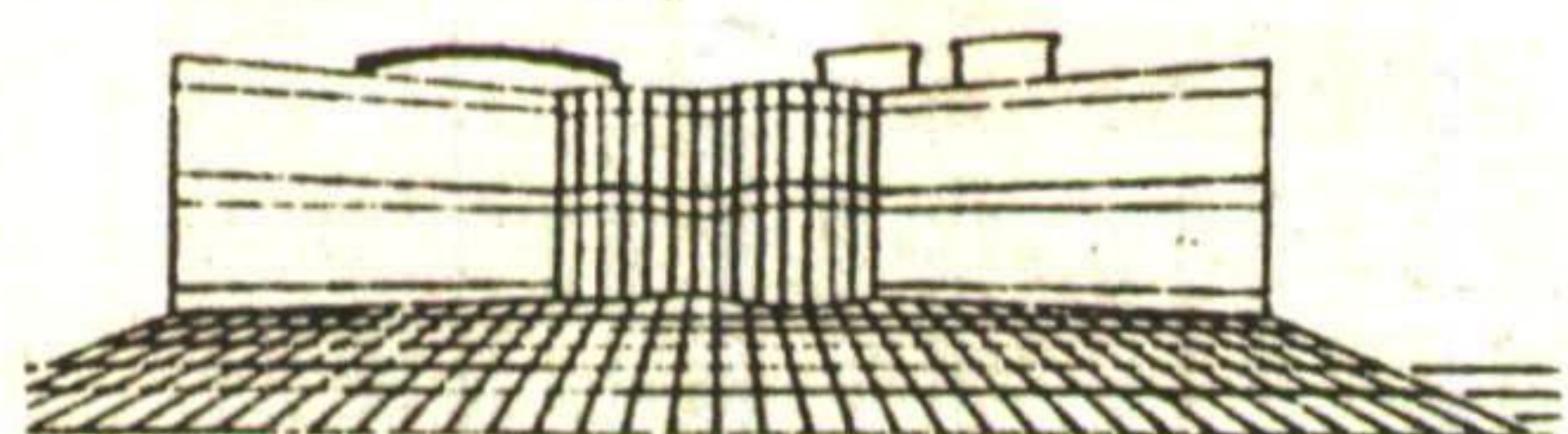
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