

Texas Crime Stoppers Tips and Rewards

• Tips

• Tip Taking

- **Who is assigned?**
- **What other duties does this person have?**
- **Back Up when person assigned is not there?**
- **After hours?**
- **Record Keeping?**

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Tip taking continued:

- Homicide: New years eve: Police receive a call to a northside residence of a shooting. Up arrival at the scene they found one person had be killed. Other persons at the residence did not know who shot their friend visiting over the holidays.
- Six hours into the investigation the Sgt. On the scene call the Executive Director of crime stoppers and asked if crime stoppers had received any tips and if we would post information about the Homicide.
- We posted on Face Book and Twitter, information that we had a homicide on the northside of town and that a 17-year-old male while visiting family and friends for the holiday was shot and killed and asked the public if they had any information on this homicide contact Crime Stoppers stressing: Anonymity & Reward up to \$1000.00.

Homicide: What do we know?

• Questions to ask a tipster:

- Who
 - Who else was or may have been involved
- What
 - What other crimes committed. Has this person or persons been arrested
- When
- Where
- How
 - Weapons use etc.
- Why

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- **Texas Government Code 414**
 - what section of 414 covers **Confidentiality of records:**
 - **414.007**
 - **Sec. 414.007. CONFIDENTIALITY OF COUNCIL RECORDS.** Council records relating to reports of criminal acts are confidential.

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- What section of 414 covers **Privileged Information**
- Sec. 414.008. PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.**
 - (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, evidence of a communication between a person submitting a report of a criminal act to the council or a crime stoppers organization and the person who accepted the report on behalf of the council or organization is not admissible in a court or an administrative proceeding.
 - (b) Records of the council or a crime stoppers organization concerning a report of criminal activity may not be compelled to be produced before a court or other tribunal except on a motion:

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- Sec. 414.008 Continued**
- (1) filed in a criminal trial court by a defendant who alleges that the records or report contains evidence that is exculpatory to the defendant in the trial of that offense; or
 - (2) filed in a civil case by a plaintiff who alleges that denial of access to the records concerning the report of criminal activity abrogates any part of a cognizable common law cause of action, if the plaintiff alleging abrogation:
 - (A) was charged with or convicted of a criminal offense based at least partially on the report and the charges were dismissed, the plaintiff was acquitted, or the conviction was overturned, as applicable; and

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Sec. 414.008 continued:

- (B) in the motion establishes a prima facie case that the plaintiff's abrogated claim is based on injuries from the criminal charge or conviction caused by the wrongful acts of another performed in connection with the report.
- (c) On motion of a movant under Subsection (b), the court may subpoena the records or report. The court shall conduct an in-camera inspection of materials produced under subpoena to determine whether the materials contain:
 - (1) evidence that is exculpatory to the defendant; or
 - (2) information necessary to a plaintiff as described by Subsection (b)(2).

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Sec. 414.008 continued:

- (d) If the court determines that the materials produced contain evidence that is exculpatory to the defendant or information necessary to a plaintiff as described by Subsection (b)(2), the court shall present the evidence to the movant in a form that does not disclose the identity of the person who was the source of the evidence, unless the state or federal constitution requires the disclosure of that person's identity. The court shall execute an affidavit accompanying the disclosed materials swearing that, in the opinion of the court, the materials disclosed represent the evidence the movant is entitled to receive under this section.
- (e) The court shall return to the council or crime stoppers organization the materials that are produced under this section but not disclosed to the movant. The council or crime stoppers organization shall store the materials at least until the first anniversary of the following appropriate date:

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Sec 414.008 continued:

- (1) the date of expiration of the time for all direct appeals in a criminal case; or
 - (2) the date a plaintiff's right to appeal in a civil case is exhausted.
- **Records and Retention:**
 - **Board Policy (Bylaws) or Standing rules.**

**Tipster's do not always keep themselves anonymous.
This tip came in via a Mobile Phone: to our program Via P3Tips App.**

Jonathan Gonzales, jennifer galvan, their sister marie. 11/10/2019. I am going to stay anonymous. Jonathan and Jennifer were selling 2 ounces of crystal meth to a 15 year old in Abilene high school zone. I know because I knew them from high school, was leaving Abilene tepachers credit union, I live very close by so I was on foot. I ran into the 3 of them whTen xa teenage hispanic boy walked up, asked them if their holding, the teenager pulled out what they said was \$1000 and onathan passed him a 2 large sized baggies, which the boy pulled out a scale, set it on the their. trunk,the teenager tThen said, yup two zips. I was trying to walk away, I wanted no part of this, Jennifer flashed a gun, then said to wait. Jonathan took the \$\$ and started talking to me like this didnt transpire and when the teenager was out of sight, they said it was nice talking to me and they know I'll shut the fuck up and not say shit because theyre texas syndicate. I left and have been contemplating whether making an anonymous post as I dont want to die. But it says anonymous so here it goes.

• Narrative
Jonathan Gonzales, Jennifer Galvan, their sister Marie. they are part of the Texas syndicate. They are into dealing drugs.
General Information
Offense Type: Narcotics
Address of Incident:
County: Taylor
City, State (required): Abilene, tx
Nearest Intersection or Crossing Street:
How did you hear about our program? Internet
Additional Information

Date and Time of Offense:
 Who else has knowledge of this? I don't know
 Are you interested in receiving a reward? Yes
 Wanted/Fugitive
 First Name: Jonathan
 Last Name: Gonzales
 Alias: Bubba
 Ethnicity: Hispanic
 Gender: Male
 Height: 6'0
 Weight: 540 lbs
 Hair Color/Style: Grey comb over
 Facial Hair: Yes
 Eye Color: Black
 Glasses: Yes
 Age: 35ish
 Date of Birth: 11/18/87

Clothing: White broncos hoodie and dark blue jeans,
 white Nikes
 Where are they now? (Address) 262 north San Jose dr.
 City, State, Zip: Abilene, tx 79603
 Do they live with anyone? Who? Parents.
 Are they violent? Yes
 Wanted/Fugitive
 First Name: Jennifer
 Last Name: Galvan
 Alias: Nana, Molly, Batter, Eight Ball Jenny, Michael
 Lonas Girlfriend, Jennifer Lomas, Jennifer Guajardo,
 Nana Gonna Kill Ya, La Yarona

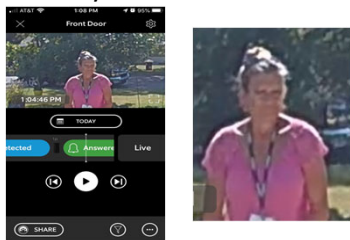
- Ethnicity: Hispanic
- Gender: Trans
- Height: 54
- Weight: 175-190
- Hair Color/Style: Black, straight
- Facial Hair: Without makeup
- Eye Color: Black
- Glasses: Yes
- Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Piercings: Tattoos on hands, a Texas state on hand/
 forearm
- Vehicle
- Make: Buick
- Model: Century
- Year: 2000-2006
- Color: Silver
- License Plate: Paper
- State: Tx

- **Drugs**
 Does the suspect sell or use drugs? Or both? Both
 Type of Drug(s) Involved? Crystal meth
 How are drugs sold? (packaging, quantities, joints, baggies, etc.) Baggies
 Where is it being sold? (from vehicle, residence, etc.) Everywhere, but mainly school zones
 Give details about any weapons, animals, children, prior criminal history, etc.:
 Glocks, and a lot of them
Weapons
 What type and quantity: Glocks, 9mm. Not sure how many but all have guns on them.
 Where exactly is the weapon located? On their waists
 Are the weapon(s) secured or locked? No
 How do you know that the firearms are not registered? They call them unmarked
 Does the suspect carry or transport the weapon around? Yes

- I have edited your tip. I will send this to our Narcotics Division which takes you totally out of the picture and will not ID you in anyway. This is the only way we can do this safely. Again Thanks Abilene Crime Stoppers.
- Dorman, Rick
- 2019/11/20 10:03:17 AM Updated Record #4598420 in Tips

Other ways a tipster's may not realize

- They are potently giving themselves away by posting photos or videos with their tip. **Anonymity**
 How to keep a tipster anonymous? When they give information that will possibly reveal who they ARE.





What are the ways in which to take and record tips.

- The old fashion way hand write and log tips sheets.
- Software: for recording and capturing tip information.
- With the advent of Tip taking software
 - has increased our programs ability to receive and disseminate tips faster, with greater success in solving crimes.
 - Highly Recommend using A Tip taking software

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P3 platform enables the public to share information anonymously with Crime Stoppers Programs, Law Enforcement entities, schools etc. If you have a crime or safety related information that may be deemed useful in your community, submit a tip via web page or download the P3 Tips App to your smart phone.

• **The P3 platform enables the public to share information anonymously with Crime Stoppers programs, P3 Tips App for smart phones and computers connected to the Internet.**

• Questions or suggestions on what was covered.
