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(Neb.)-Crime Stoppers USA Reaches 100 Million Dollars In Payouts

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(BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.)—In February, Crime Stoppers USA, the organization that offers funds to those who provide anonymous tips about criminal activity, reached a milestone. Member programs have now paid out over 100 million dollars in tips to anonymous informants.

Chair John Lamb of Crime Stoppers USA stated, "Since 1976, Crime Stoppers programs have paid informants for information leading to the arrest of criminals. This is a tremendous milestone for our programs."

Lamb goes on to say that for over 38 years, the public has been able to call Crime Stoppers USA programs and leave information anonymously about criminal activity. Tips to Crime Stoppers have helped solved thousands of homicides and human trafficking cases, have taken over three billion dollars of drugs off of city streets and have recovered over one billion dollars of property. Crime Stoppers programs save their communities and law enforcement tens of thousands of dollars in costs of investigations due to anonymous tips from the public.

Crime Stoppers USA is the national Crime Stoppers organization that spans the United States to create a network of local programs that work together to prevent and solve crimes in communities and schools across the nation. Local Crime Stoppers programs are non-profit organizations led by citizens against crime. Some Crime Stoppers programs offer cash rewards of up to \$1,000 to persons providing anonymous information that leads to the felony arrest of criminals and fugitives. Information is received through Crime Stoppers tips that are received through a secure tip line or a secure Web connection manned by a professional program coordinator. Each caller is assigned a code number for the purpose of ensuring anonymity.

Crime Stoppers began in Albuquerque, N.M. in 1976. Rewards are paid by Crime Stopper USA member programs in communities across the United States and its Territories. Crime Stoppers programs can take tips from the public by telephone, text message and smartphone application. Tips can also be turned in on the

national Website at www.crimestoppersusa.com.

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