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STOPPERS
Stanislaus Area

Annual Report
2024



OUR BOARD MEMBERS

The Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers has a board of 13 members who volunteer their time and resources to the organization. The board includes a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, which are elected positions serving 2-year terms. The remaining 9 positions are regular voting board members. In addition to the board, there is 1 non-voting, paid position of Director, who is responsible for the administrative duties of the organization.

All positions actively support the mission of Crime Stoppers and the success of the organization within Stanislaus County. During 2024, the board consisted of President DaShaun Winston, Vice President Terry Sparks, Secretary Wayne Davison, Treasurer Bill Jaques, and Board Members Denny Wraske, Doug Ridenour Sr., Dan Inderbitzen, Lane Cardoza, Joanne Maynard, Ray Munoz, Kate Wagner, Stesha Brazil, and Steve Goodyear.

The board is regularly looking for new members who are active within the community and have recourses to offer that will support the success of Crime Stoppers. If you or someone you know is interested and would like more information, please contact stanareacs@gmail.com.





LOCAL HISTORY

Our local Crime Stoppers program began in June of 2005 by Modesto Police Chief Roy Wasden. He appointed a Coordinator to run the program along with 9 volunteer board members. The program was donated \$500 for the reward fund, and at the time was called the Modesto Crime Stoppers program. It wasn't until June of 2017 when the organization was renamed to the Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers to reflect all the jurisdictions that it serves.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WE SUPPORT

- Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department
- Stanislaus Regional Fire Investigation Unit
- Stanislaus County Probation Department
- Modesto Police Department
- Turlock Police Department
- Ceres Police Department
- California Highway Patrol
- California State Parole
- Oakdale Police Department
- Newman Police Department
- Escalon Police Department





NATIONAL HISTORY

When a young college student, Michael Carmen, was shot to death during a robbery at gas station in Albuquerque, New Mexico in July 1976, Detective Greg MacAleese had no idea who was responsible for the homicide. No witnesses came forward and it appeared the senseless and brutal shotgun slaying would remain a mystery.

MacAleese, who worked for a newspaper before joining the Albuquerque Police Department, knew something innovative would be necessary to encourage the public to get involved and help solve the case. He conceived the idea of producing a video re-enactment of the crime, guaranteed anonymity for anyone who was willing to call him with information and put up a reward from his own pocket to encourage someone to provide a lead that would help identify those responsible for the murder of Carmen.

MacAleese's plan to identify those responsible for killing Carmen worked. Within a few hours after the recreation of the murder was broadcast on television, he received a phone call. The video image had triggered the memory of a person who heard a loud bang in the vicinity of the gas station and then saw a car driving off. The caller said the vehicle belonged to a resident in a nearby apartment complex.

Through investigation, MacAleese and a team of detectives arrested two men within 72 hours and charged them with the murder of Carmen and a string of armed robberies. MacAleese received other calls following the reenactment, including one that allowed police to solve the rape of a young woman.

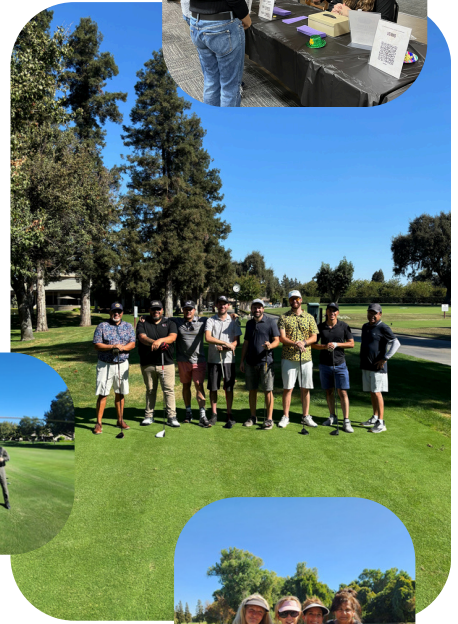
Realizing that this type of program might be useful in fighting crime, MacAleese convinced the Albuquerque Police Department to allow a group of citizens to establish the first Crime Stoppers program. For his efforts, Detective MacAleese was named one of the people in the 1970's who changed the face of the United States and was also named the country's Police Officer of the Year.




In March of 2024, we held our first ever Crab Feed fundraiser in Modesto. As crab feeds are popular in our area, our board members thought this would be a great event to have community members come together to support Crime Stoppers.

In October, we hosted our 6th annual Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament. Held at the beautiful Del Rio County Club in Modesto, this event has proven to be a favorite of those who have a love for golf. A full day was planned for attendees, beginning with the famous ball drop by the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Air 101 helicopter, followed by 18-holes of golf, then concluding with a seated dinner. Thank you to our sponsors: Events Made Better, Lending Assets, Standard Pub, State Farm Insurance, 108 Sports Bar, Twin Rivers, Bottoms Up, Stanislaus Sheriff's Department's Tactical Culinary Unit, Turlock Associated Police Officers, BMW, Stanislaus Sheriff's Department's K9 Association, Salas Pools, Low Key, Sidelines Bar & Grill, Robert Half, Mr. Taquito, Quantum Escape Rooms and Texas Roadhouse.

All proceeds directly support our non-profit organization and for cash rewards that pay anonymous tipsters.



2024 STATS

30 
arrests made

904
tips received

\$8,325 
rewards paid

\$15,032
stolen cash recovered

33
rewards approved

\$625,808
value of drugs seized

16 
firearms seized

\$13,500
value of stolen property recovered

 **64**
charges laid

SOCIAL MEDIA PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Facebook - @Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers

20,947 **210.6k** **281.1k**
Followers Page Views Reach

Instagram - @stanareacrimestoppers

3,746 **433.6k** **41.8k**
Followers Page Views Reach



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COLD CASES

Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers features multiple cold cases needing resolution. Crime Stoppers continues to work with each law enforcement agency to hopefully bring closure to the families still looking for answers about what happened to their loved ones.



Frankie Vargas
Murdered 7/29/13



Esteban Ramirez
Murdered 2/8/09



Nelson Martinez
Last seen 12/22/18



Teresa Provencio
Murdered 7/4/13



Kelly Story
Murdered 1/31/09



Loren DeSouza
Murdered 11/3/01



Damien King
Murdered 11/24/12



Martin Alvarez Jr.
Murdered 10/12/17



Joey Ross
Murdered 7/5/06



Kevin Chavolla
Murdered 7/5/23



Blake Barry
Murdered 12/29/13



Alfredo Mercado Lomeli
Murdered 10/12/17



Sherie Graves
Last seen 5/1/88

If you have any information about these cases, please send us an anonymous tip.

If you know of a cold case that you would like Crime Stoppers to feature, please contact us at stanareacs@gmail.com.



Jan Rey Stansberry
Last seen 8/7/19



Jorge Mendoza
Last seen 7/18/08



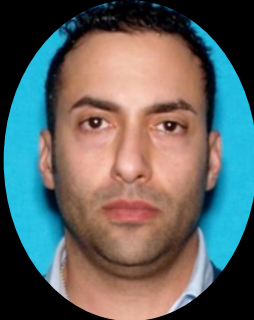
Yosymar Mosqueda
Last seen 12/4/11
Body found 3/3/12



Amber Ledezma
Last seen May '22



Dessery Becerra
Murdered 12/20/20



Louis Danhi
Last seen 6/20/13



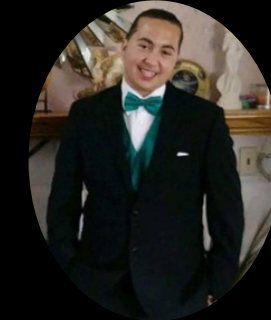
Manuel DaSilva
Murdered 5/6/14



Manuel Arellano
Last seen 1/24/09



**Abolghasem Esmaeil
Abadi**
Last seen 5/12/21



Johnny Ray Wilson
Murdered 10/11/18



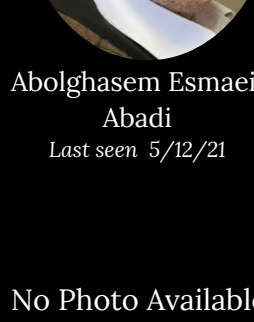
Eli Correa
Murdered 7/2/22



Amy Lynn Freesesha
Murdered 7/22/10



Ruben Coronado
Murdered 7/2/22



**No Photo Available:
Howard Lee Simmons**
Last seen 4/16/81



Luis Lazano
Murdered 11/29/14

Jorge Amador Molina
Murdered 9/23/12



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

The Stanislaus Area Crime Stoppers board members are active within the community we serve. We participate in multiple community events and other local non-profit events year-round.

The largest annual event that we attend is National Night Out. Board members go out to multiple community events and block parties on National Night Out and mingle with citizens to spread awareness of what Crime Stoppers is and how we work with law enforcement to solve crimes that have happened in our communities.

This was the second year that our board members attended the District Attorney's Annual Candlelight Vigil, which is an event in December for families of victims who have been killed by an act of violent crime, such as homicide. This event always touches our hearts, as we get to meet with those directly effected by the loss of someone they loved, some who are still seeking justice.



ANONYMOUS TIPS

Tipsters are encouraged to submit their tips about crimes that have been committed within our anonymous reporting system. There are multiple ways in which to submit a tip. All ways are anonymous.

TEXT

- Text “StanCS” to the number 738447

CALL

- 1-866-602-7463

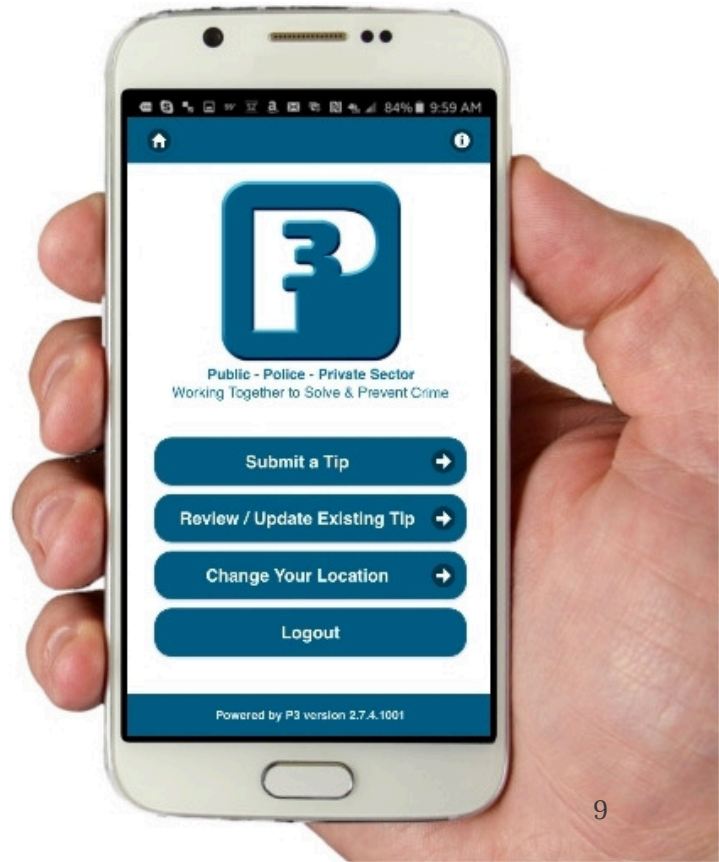
ONLINE

- stancrimetips.org

MOBILE APP

- Download the P3 app

In 2024, \$8,325 in cash rewards were paid to tipsters and 30 arrests were made from information received in tips. Crime Stoppers encourages anyone with any information about a crime that was committed to send us a tip. If it helps a case, you’ll receive a cash reward.



STUDENTS SPEAKING OUT

Students Speaking Out provides students with a safe and anonymous system to give information about criminal activity, threats or weapons, without fear of retaliation. If you have information about a crime committed at your school, or about threats of a crime or possible shooting.

WHEN TO SUBMIT A TIP

- You overhear someone bragging about having committed a crime.
- You know someone who is driving a stolen car, is hiding from the police, or selling drugs.
- You hear anything about a potential school shooting.
- You know someone who wants to hurt themselves or others.

If you aren't sure that what you saw or heard is really a crime, call anyway. It may be a piece of a clue to a big crime.

If you are a student, parent, teacher or other school staff member, you can report with information about crimes in and around your school. No one will ask for your name, just for your information.

If a crime is solved, if a criminal is arrested, or if a weapon is confiscated because of a tip you gave, you are eligible for a reward.

Rewards range from \$100 to \$1,000. The Board meets monthly to decide the amount paid for each successful tip.



SUPPORT US

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit. All donations go directly to the organization and most importantly, paying cash rewards to anonymous tipsters.



INTERESTED IN DONATING?

Scan the QR code to the right to find our PayPal donation page. All donations are tax deductible.



OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT US

Attend our fundraisers! Stay informed about upcoming events by following us on Facebook and Instagram.



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