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2010 Garfield County Crime Stoppers Community Report

GARFIELD COUNTY, Colo. – Over the past three years, Crime Stoppers of Garfield County, Inc., has been instrumental in helping local law enforcement agencies solve 38 crimes, ranging from auto thefts and commercial burglaries to fugitives and illicit drug distribution. After the non-profit organization's reactivation in July 2007, 64 Crime Stoppers tips have led to the arrests of 16 alleged criminals. Crime Stoppers' citizen-based Board granted anonymous tipsters \$3,750 in cash rewards, including three \$1,000 maximum payouts since June of last year.

Utilizing a state-of-the-art TipSoft program since April 2009, Garfield County Crime Stoppers has been able to provide tipsters with a web-based method to provide pertinent crime details while maintaining their anonymity via the www.garcocrimestoppers.com website. This "Report a tip" venue allows both the tipster and coordinator to converse back-and-forth at their convenience through a secure two-way dialog box format any time of day, any day of the week.

By utilizing this on-line dialog device, the tipsters who recently received the maximum cash rewards were able to keep law enforcement continually apprised of the suspects' varying locations and activities. The detailed accounting of events provided solid documentation and rationale for the Crime Stoppers Board to make such historic rewards to those citizens who decided to get involved with cleaning up their community.

Those who have any information about a crime are highly encouraged to utilize TipSoft at www.garcocrimestoppers.com or call the anonymous tip hotline at 970-945-0101. For further information on how you can make a tax-deductible donation to Garfield County Crime Stoppers or become more involved, please contact the Law Enforcement Coordinator, Phil Strouse, at 970-309-9697 or pstrouse@garcosheriff.com.

The mission of Garfield County Crime Stoppers is to collect anonymous tips to help solve crimes.

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