

Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers 2019 Annual Report





A Note from the President

The Board of Trustees of Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers is pleased to present our 2019 Annual Report. As with our past reports, we will show the success of the crime stopper concept in the numbers. However, the success comes through the cooperation of the police, media, community members and Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers. This cooperation has stood the test of time and continues to strengthen each year. As some of the original media personnel, police officers, and our own board members retire new people are stepping up to bring about the necessary succession. We held two recruiting events this year: a wine tasting and dinner at Vinekolet Winery and Restaurant and a family picnic at a Hamilton County Great Parks. We continue to seek new members. If you, or someone you know, would be a good fit for Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers, please contact us.

This year we approved rewards of \$98,250 resulting in 2246 tips received and 283 arrests made—including 15 homicides, 33 aggravated assaults, 36 narcotics offenses and many more. 53 cases involved guns, plus \$323,847 worth of property and narcotics were recovered. (see attachment)

A portion of the reward figures were the result of an increase in rewards for tips that help resolve homicides. We increased those rewards from \$1000 to \$2500. Our hope was that we would see an increase in the number of cases solved. A review of the statistics for the past five years did not indicate a direct correlation to the size of the reward and the number of tips received. However, the board decided to retain the increase as it shows our commitment to this most serious crime.

Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers is not part of any governmental budget. We must raise the funds that support our operation through donations. Our fundraising is primarily the result of the work of our volunteers. However, we could not do it without the help of our corporate sponsors who provide tremendous assistance, sometimes directly and sometimes in a supporting role. A few major contributors are our corporate sponsors who provide direct donations for events such as our annual Awards Breakfast. In other cases, companies provide services that support our major fund raiser, the semi-annual shredding events. We would like to give a big shout-out to the Shred-It company, Furniture Fair and WCPO, Nine on your Side, for their support in this project.

There are also a couple of corporate sponsors who conduct events that raise money which they in turn donate directly to Crime Stoppers. Brooks Flooring of Ft. Wright, KY opens their business to a fish fry lunch each Friday during Lent. All money collected for one of those lunches is given to support our reward fund. The Greater Cincinnati Insurance Agents group

holds a golf outing each summer. Their staff and supporters do all of the work, and we receive the proceeds.

Of course we don't want to forget the smaller, but no less important, individual donations. Our website (<http://crime-stoppers.us/>) is setup to accept such donations, or you can use our mailing address:

Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers
P.O. Box 14330
Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-5030

Because we are a volunteer organization we are able to keep our operating expenses to a minimum. Approximately 80% of the money raised goes directly to funding rewards. We have no brick & mortar offices, no vehicular fleet, etc. Our monthly board meetings are hosted by businesses or other organizations. We do have to pay for an answering service to accept tips on a 24/7 basis, insurance premiums to protect our board members, materials to support the fund-raising events, etc. But all personnel are volunteers.

We also want to express our gratitude to Chuck Kreimer, our Executive Director for his many years of service. Family obligations required him to give up his position effective in October of this year. Chuck was a major force behind the success of Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers and he will be missed. However, with Chuck's departure the Board of Directors decided to eliminate the Executive Director position and parcel those duties among our volunteer members. Several members have stepped up to accept these duties, thus saving the organization in excess of \$6,000 in salary and expenses. I want to extend my appreciation to those volunteers.

We look forward to another successful year in 2020.

Sincerely,

Gene Ferrara

President,

Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers

	Year 2019	Feb-81 to Date
CODE NUMBERS ISSUED:	2246	87,672
CASES SOLVED:	283	16,495
Homicide	15	550
Felonious/Aggravated Assault	33	1,103
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	164
Assault (since 2003)		88
Rape		244
Domestic Violence	5	413
Aggravated Robbery	9	1,283
Robbery	16	457
Bank Robbery (since 2003)	2	128
Theft	31	1,147
Auto Theft	0	271
Receiving Stolen Property	0	678
Aggravated Burglary (since 2003)	3	119
Burglary	1	920
Breaking & Entering	5	481
Narcotics	36	3,368
Vice		418
Forgery/Fraud		1,142
Arson		101
Traffic (since 2003)		408
Parole Violation/Other Felony	15	2,386
Probation Violation	20	3,529
Sexual Based Offense Adult (Since 2/07)	9	43
Sexual Based Offense Juvenile (Since 2/07)	0	8
Other Felony	33	
	0	1
GUNS (since 2003):		0
Involved	53	715
Recovered		406
PERSONS ARRESTED:	136	12,595
Wheel Of Justice Arrests:(6/11)	0	8
PROPERTY/NARCOTICS RECOVERED:	323,847	26,644,682

Rewards for Year 2019 \$98,250



Examples of Crime Stopper's Success Stories

- On December 30, 2018, victim was robbed at gunpoint by two suspects at 4605 Vendome Place. During the offense, one of the suspects fired shots at Sneed, striking him in the leg. During the course of this investigation, a tipster came forward and provided information which indicated this offense was planned and set up by a female acquaintance of the victim. The tipster advised that the victim had been lured to the location by the female acquaintance, and the tipster provided information on the identities of the female subject as well as the shooter in this offense. On January 16, 2019, District Two Detectives arrested and charged Safietou Wane with **Complicity to Aggravated Robbery** and Cameron Phelps was charged with **Aggravated Armed Robbery, Robbery, and two counts of Felonious Assault**.
 - “These indictments would not have been possible without the cooperation and information provided by this anonymous source.”
 - Det. Charles Zopfi Cincinnati Police Dept.



Safietou Wane



Cameron Phelps

- On August 17th Cincinnati Police Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 900 block of Dana Ave. Police believe two groups of people were firing at each other when a Metro bus drove by. The victim, Mr. Larkin was hit by a bullet while seated in the rear section of the bus. It does not appear the shooter was aiming for Mr. Larkin, rather he was struck by a stray bullet. Mr. Larkin was taken to University Hospital where he died from his injuries. Larkin had two jobs. He was coming home from one of them when he was killed. A tipster provided information that led to the identification and apprehension of Joshua Ervin, who was charged with murder.

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- Crime Stoppers received a tip that Dearius Lackey, wanted for the October 6th Over the Rhine Homicide of Jovan Fleming was hiding inside a parked vehicle in District Two. Fugitive Apprehension Unit located the vehicle with Lackey sleeping, and a handgun within arm's reach. Lackey was arrested without incident and is currently in the Hamilton County Justice Center.



Dearius Lackey

- Media partners reported that Cincinnati detectives were looking for suspects wanted for Robberies, Attempted Robberies and Thefts. A tipster saw the story and provided information that led to the identity of juvenile suspects **Donte Cammon**, **Antiwinne Grant** and **Christian Henderson**, each charged with Felony Robbery and Theft.

No Photos Juveniles

- Crime Stopper Tipster identified **Luevissa Frazier**, accused of stabbing a 50-year-old victim in the abdomen leaving him in critical condition after a verbal argument about money. Having been identified, Frazier heard he had warrants, and turned himself in.

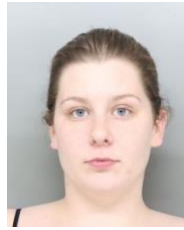


Luevissa Frazier

- **Roberto Cancel** was wanted in Connecticut on multiple Rape charges, accused of having sex with children under disabilities. He fled to Kentucky to avoid apprehension. A tipster provided information that tracked him to an apartment complex in Florence where he was arrested by the US Marshal's. Cancel is awaiting extradition to face 3 counts of **Rape**.

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- On December 17, 2018, District Four officers responded to 2329 Gilbert Avenue to investigate a report of a person shot. Terrance Smith 22, was transported to the University Hospital Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries. On December 20, 2018, Homicide Detectives filed **MURDER** warrants. With the help of a Crimestopper Tipster-- Lemichael Johnson, Avriana Johnson and Jordyn Stemmerding were located and apprehended by the Fugitive Apprehension Unit.



Avriana Johnson



Jordyn Stemmerding

- Christopher Cummins was wanted for Felonious Assault accused of engaging in sexual conduct with the victim without disclosing his positive diagnosis for HIV. A tipster provided information that led to his apprehension.



Christopher Cummins

- Cincinnati Police Personal Crimes Unit was looking for **Shontez Colbert**, wanted for a **Violent Rape** that took place in a downtown Alley. A tipster provided a vehicle, license plate and location where they had spotted Colbert. On April 25th, 2019, the Fugitive Apprehension Unit was able to conduct a traffic stop and arrest Shontez Colbert without incident.



Shontez Colbert