

# TIP SHEET

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## TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Texas Crime Stoppers Council, and the Office of the Governor Crime Stoppers staff, I would like to express our enthusiasm and delight for the inclusion of Campus Crime Stoppers as part of Governor Abbott's Action Plan for school safety in Texas.

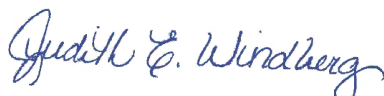
As many of you know, the State Team has been working diligently over the last year to devise a plan of action to spread Crime Stoppers throughout each campus across our state. Great strides were made in assessing a strategy which outlines key elements such as our preliminary operations, setting standards and guidelines, as well as a strategic plan for how we will roll this out statewide with our resources and limited staff.

About a month ago we began discussions with Crime Stoppers of Houston in regards to our strategy, campus program expansion plans and conducting a needs assessment. After sharing many ideas among the parties involved, the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Team and Texas Crime Stoppers felt it would be beneficial to collaborate with Crime Stoppers of Houston and have them assist in rolling out Campus Crime Stoppers as part of a statewide school safety plan. We are thrilled that this alliance has been included in Governor Abbott's Action Plan and we look forward to our building our partnership with Crime Stoppers of Houston as we work together to grow our Campus Crime Stoppers presence across Texas.

As we begin working with Crime Stoppers of Houston we will ensure that the highest level of training and guidance is provided to Campus programs, both existing and those that will stem from our school safety initiative. We have one common goal and that is the safety of our youth, our children, our students. When our students feel safe they can focus and excel in their academic studies.

This is a very exciting time for Texas Crime Stoppers and we are happy to be sharing this experience with all of our organizations, volunteers, and board members. As always, please contact us if you have questions or would like to be one of the organizations working with Crime Stoppers of Houston to gain access to training and establishing a Campus Crime Stoppers program in your school district.

Sincerely,



Elaine Windberg

Director, Texas Crime Stoppers

Criminal Justice Division, Public Safety Office

Office of the Governor



Read the full School Safety Plan:

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-unveils-plan-to-address-school-safety-in-texas>

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO YOU!

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, Inc.  
Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Crime Stoppers of Wise County, Inc.  
Happy 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Somervell County Crimestoppers, Inc.  
Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Williamson County Crime Stoppers, Inc.  
Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Harlingen Area Crime Stoppers, Inc.  
Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to East Wharton County Crime Stoppers, Inc.  
Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Crime Stoppers of South Texas, Inc.  
Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Crime Stoppers of San Antonio, Inc.  
Happy 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to The Grand Prairie Crime Commission, Inc.  
Happy 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Hays County Crime Stoppers, Inc.  
Happy 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Amarillo Crime Stoppers, Inc.

## AMBASSADOR'S CORNER

### **An Opinion Piece on Pop Culture Influence on Today's Youth From Odessa Crime Stoppers Student Ambassador**

Today's teens can be heavily influenced by the modern day pop-culture. Pop-culture sets the social standard for how teens view and interact with the world. People who have the some of strongest influence on teens are undoubtedly musicians, particularly rappers. You could go up to almost any high school student and ask them who Kodak Black is, or have they heard 21 Savage's latest song and the majority would answer, yes. This alone is not an issue however, the issue is the message that these artists are spreading to the younger generation which poses a threat to their minds and futures.

The message in these rappers songs often include anti- law enforcement values, glorifies drug use, gang activity, discrimination of both sex and race, and acts of violence. Some people might question how this would appeal to the younger generation in the first place. It seems the answer is fame and money. Youth today see these artists discovering fame for their unconventional values and principles and perhaps by emulating these behaviors and set of values they too might be able to achieve such fame or money.

I feel that we must come together and help educate our youth and change the script to filter out negative images and ideas of law enforcement and change the relationship and perception to a more positive relationship. We can start being increasing the interaction between local police officers and teens in a friendly way by having more engagement when officers are off-duty and therefore maybe less intimidating. We can also stop promoting these types of music by promoting other positive music to influence staying away from crime and focus on oneself personal interest, and slowly but surely make a difference for the better for the new generation.

- Skylar Hubbard, Student Ambassador  
Odessa Student Crime Stoppers



# 10 MOST WANTED PROGRAM, TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS

To Submit a Tip Click [HERE!](#)

Billy Don URANGO is a convicted sex offender required to register every three months for life. URANGO has been wanted since June 2017 when he absconded from his last known address in Dallas. He also has ties to other parts of north Texas, including Grayson County; Tarrant County; and Wichita Falls. URANGO is also believed to have ties to south-central Oklahoma, including the Ardmore area. In 2010, URANGO was convicted of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child (two counts) and Indecency with a Child - Sexual Contact after an incident in Grayson County involving an 11-year-old boy. In addition, he was also convicted in 2010 of Indecency with a Child - Exposure. URANGO was subsequently sentenced to 10 years in TDCJ prison. He was released on parole from TDCJ in June 2016 and was residing at a halfway house in Dallas before absconding. On June 8, 2017, a Parole Violation warrant for URANGO's arrest was issued by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. An additional warrant was also issued in Dallas County for URANGO's arrest for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender

## UP TO \$10,000 REWARD



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# MEETINGS & TRAININGS

## Texas Crime Stoppers Council Meeting

DATE: Friday, June 22, 2018

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Kester Conference Room, State Insurance Building  
1100 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78701

## Texas Crime Stoppers Basic Training Course (COURSE FULL!)

DATE: June 25-26, 2018

TIME: 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Grand Prairie Police Department Public Safety Building, Community Room  
1525 Arkansas Ln, Grand Prairie, TX 75052



Note: Priority will be given to CS Organizations who need training for certification and to new board members and coordinators seeking an introduction to Texas Crime Stoppers.

## More Training Opportunities

### School Safety Summit- Houston, Texas

**Crime Stoppers of Houston is offering a FREE one-day training opportunity where pertinent school safety issues will be addressed and discussed!**

Registration is open for anyone interested in attending.  
Crime Stoppers of Houston School Safety Summit  
Thursday, June 14, 2018  
8:00AM-4:00PM  
7200 Northwest 100 Drive Houston, TX 77092



Sign up and start learning today!!

### Office of Public Safety, Homeland Security- E-Grants Training

The Office of the Governor is happy to offer a one-day (free) class of eGrants training, open to any grantee using the OOG's eGrants system. <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov> Examples used in the class were initially tailored to HSGD border programs; however, any OOG grantee will benefit from the class by learning eGrants functionality. If you're interested in attending, please click this [link to register](#).

**You MUST bring your own laptop**, or other device with a web browser, for this class.

Upcoming Training Dates & Locations:

**Southlake (DFW)-** July 24, 25, or 26  
[https://fs3.formsite.com/OOG\\_HSGD/form82/index.html](https://fs3.formsite.com/OOG_HSGD/form82/index.html)

**Austin**  
June 13  
August 22  
[https://fs3.formsite.com/OOG\\_HSGD/eGrntTrng/index.html](https://fs3.formsite.com/OOG_HSGD/eGrntTrng/index.html)

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