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MAYS LANDING- Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards to anonymous callers who provide information that lead to the arrest and indictment of offenders. Seven of those callers have yet to collect what is owed to them for their vital tips, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

According to Prosecutor Housel, these crimes date back a decade. With the assistance of citizens who made the important calls to Crime Stoppers those cases were solved. These incidents occurred throughout Atlantic County.

How it works: An anonymous caller receives a code number provided by a Crime Stoppers operator. The operator then elicits information which goes to law enforcement. If an investigation leads to an arrest partly due to a tip, police contact Investigator Kevin Walsh, Crime Stoppers coordinator. Walsh takes the tip and information from police regarding how helpful the caller's information was in solving the crime. Walsh then goes to the Board of Directors where he recommends an amount for the reward. The board makes the final determination.

The crimes are as follows:

- On May 25, 2008, a call came in to Crime Stoppers at 6:20 p.m. regarding a burglary and theft at a residence in Egg Harbor Township. Two people were arrested for the crimes.
- On July 7, 2003 at 10:44 a.m. a person provided information about a fugitive living in Egg Harbor Township. As a result of the tip, Egg Harbor Township Police arrested a suspect on July 27, 2003.
- On May 4, 2004 at 11:57 a.m. a person contacted Crime Stoppers to report information involving a casino robbery. The caller identified the suspect and where he was living at the time of the crime. Police found the suspect in the Atlantic County jail and served a warrant on him.
- On Sept. 13, 2004, a person called Crime Stoppers to report a homicide in Atlantic City. The tip corroborated information being developed by law

enforcement. Authorities arrested an individual and charged him with the death of James Mayes.

- On Nov. 16, 2006 a caller reported a burglary of a car wash in Egg Harbor Township. The caller provided the name and address of the person. Local police arrested the suspect on Dec. 14, 2006.
- On July 18, 2007 at 5 p.m. police responded to a burglary in Egg Harbor Township. A person called Crime Stoppers, identified the suspect and said \$1,200 was taken. The case was already under investigation but the tip enhanced the probability of the person being the primary suspect.
- On June 25, 2008 armed with a gun and a knife, suspects robbed two gas stations in Egg Harbor Township. Police officers said the Crime Stoppers tip confirmed the information they had and it also gave them a lead into an additional perpetrator.

***** If you are one of the callers who did not collect a reward for one of these Crime Stoppers tips please contact Prosecutor's Office Investigator Kevin Walsh, at 609-909-7975.**

Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS). Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.