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**RANDOM ATTACKS ARE IMPACTING OUR YOUTH – AND YOUNG PEOPLE MAY KNOW SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR POLICE INVESTIGATORS**

*Time to encourage teens and young adults to join the ranks of tipsters who give information to Crime Stoppers ANONYMOUSLY every day*

**Vancouver, B.C. (May 8, 2023):** The recent spate of random attacks here and elsewhere in B.C., and growing concerns about our personal safety, remain at the top of the news day after day – with a noticeable impact on our youth.

Teens and young adults have been among the victims of violence in past weeks, on transit and elsewhere.

Witnesses have been urged not to just take phone video if they witness such an attack, but to call 9-1-1 or text Metro Vancouver Transit Police right away. But if you're concerned about your identity becoming known when reporting information, call Crime Stoppers.

**Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is urging young people who know anything that might help police solve or prevent any crime to call Crime Stoppers safely and ANONYMOUSLY, even if they've never submitted a tip before.**

Parents are also urged to talk with their children and help them understand how Crime Stoppers works and reinforce that their tips really help. Crime Stoppers receives about 5000 tips every year on all manner of crime, leading to arrests and the seizure of stolen and other illegal goods.

"Someone somewhere has information about these attacks, or perhaps the identities of those sought by police, but out of fear of potential retribution they might not call police. That's where Crime Stoppers comes in," says Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers.

"Over the past 30-plus years, an entire generation grew up knowing that anyone with information on a crime could call Crime Stoppers and never be identified to anyone. Today, those people are the parents of today's youth and we're urging them to pass on what they know about Crime Stoppers to their children and encourage them not to hesitate about calling us if they have any information."

**About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers**

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that receives anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators. Anonymous tips may be provided through Crime Stoppers' downloadable "**P3**" app for Apple and Android phones, calling Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-8477**, online at [solvecrime.ca](https://solvecrime.ca), or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers [Facebook page](#).

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Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages and will pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest, a charge, recovery of stolen property, seizure of illegal drugs or guns, or denial of a fraudulent insurance claim. Find MVCS on Twitter: [@solvecrime](#), Instagram: [metrovanancouvercrimestoppers](#) and You Tube: [@metrovanancouvercrimestoppers](#).

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