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ANONYMOUS TIPS TO CRIME STOPPERS IN 2021 LED TO GANG-RELATED ARRESTS, ILLEGAL GUNS SEIZED AND OVER \$2 MILLION IN PROPERTY AND DRUGS RECOVERED

Vancouver, B.C. (January 20, 2022): More than 600 anonymous tips about gang-related activities and illegal weapons were among the almost 5000 tips given to Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers last year, according to its 2021 statistics just released.

“Collectively, these anonymous tips led to arrests and the recovery of property, guns and illegal drugs, all of which might never have happened otherwise,” says Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. “With the spike last year in gang-related activity in the Lower Mainland, plus a recent trend toward crimes like robbery and vandalism, Crime Stoppers is urging local residents to continue submitting information anonymously to help police investigate, make more arrests and even save lives.”

Statistics for 2021 - published by Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers in its annual *Impact Report*:

- TOTAL NUMBER OF TIPS 2021 - ALL CRIMES: 4741
- PROPERTY AND ILLICIT DRUGS SEIZED (FROM TIPS): \$2.29 million including eight vehicles (cumulative: more than \$23 million since 2017)
- NUMBER OF ARRESTS: 54
- CHARGES LAID: 96

Tips about gangs and illegal weapons - 2021

- Total tips about gang activity: 215
- Number of tips related specifically to illegal guns: 403
- Number of illegal weapons seized: 32
- Charges laid: 12

Since the inception of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers 38 years ago, more than 8,200 arrests have been made, and half-a-billion dollars in property and drugs have been recovered.

(EDS: please see Crime Stoppers’ annual Impact Report for 2021 attached)

About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that offers rewards for anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators in the communities of Metro Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

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Anonymous tips may be provided through Crime Stoppers' downloadable **"P3" app for Apple and Android phones**, calling Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-8477, 1-855-448-8477 (new number)**, online at solvecrime.ca or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers [Facebook page](#). Find MVCS on Twitter: [@solvecrime](#) and Instagram: [@metrovancovercrimestoppers](#).

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages and will pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of a criminal, recovery of stolen property, seizure of illegal drugs or guns or denial of a fraudulent insurance claim. Tipsters stay anonymous by using code numbers to check back later and collect their rewards.

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