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DEFINITELY "SWIPE LEFT" IF YOU COME ACROSS THESE "UNWANTED VALENTINES" - AND THEN CALL CRIME STOPPERS

METRO VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS OFFERS A "DATING APP" LIST OF THIS YEAR'S "LEAST-WANTED VALENTINES", INCLUDING A \$100,000 REWARD FOR ONE OF THEM

VANCOUVER, B.C. (February 13, 2024): Not long ago, you'd find your date for Valentines Day the old fashoned way – by phoning or asking someone directly.

Today, dating apps are what millions are using to connect, so with that in mind Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is using a dating app theme to unveil this year's list of B.C.'s six "most wanted" criminals and suspects who remain on the lam this Valentine's Day. These "Least Wanted Valentines" could be far away, or right in your neighbourhood. Think: "swipe left" and call Crime Stoppers.

(See attached "app" images of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers' Six Least Wanted Valentines)

"We're not suggesting you'll actually find these six 'valentines' on a dating app," said Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. "But we thought presenting BC's most wanted this way might help everyone take notice and remember their faces in case you actually spot them somewhere, or if you know how police can find them.

"Our 'valentines' this year are wanted for serious crimes ranging from murder, drug and firearms offences, to fraud and kidnapping," Annis said. "Someone, somewhere knows where these people are and we're urging them to do the right thing and call Crime Stoppers ANONYMOUSLY."

Tips to Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and charge of any wanted criminal can lead to a reward of up to \$5,000, and in the case of fugitive **Cody Casey**, a reward of up to **\$100,000 reward** has been posted by the <u>BOLO</u> ("be on the lookout") program and Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers.

"Anonymous tips do work," Annis adds. "Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers received more than 4,100 anonymous tips in 2023. Your anonymity is guaranteed by the Supreme Court of Canada. You'll never be questioned or called to testify."

About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

First established in the Lower Mainland 40 years ago, 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 though Crime Stoppers' downloadable **"P3" app for Apple and Android phones**, calling Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-8477**, online at <u>solvecrime.ca</u>, or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers <u>Facebook page</u>.

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.

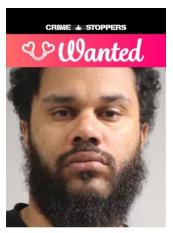
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Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers' Six Least Wanted Valentines



Cody Timothy Casey I'm one of the most wanted people in Canada, for over 17 drug and firearms offences.





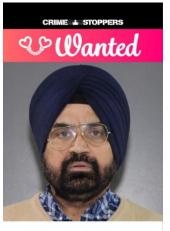


1-800-222-8477 SOLVECRIME.CA

Cody Casey

Reward of up to \$100,000 offered for his arrest through the BOLO ("be on the lookout") program and Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

Wanted by Vancouver Police on Canada-wide warrants for 17 drug and firearms offences



Raj Kumar Mehmi
I'm wanted for possession for the
purpose of trafficking and importation
of a controlled substance.







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Raj Kumar Mehmi

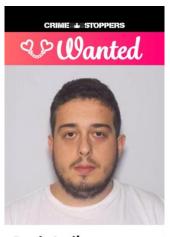
Wanted for possession for the purpose of trafficking and importation of a controlled substance

Age: 60

Height: 185 cm Weight: 91 kg



Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers' Six Least Wanted Valentines



Denis IvzikuI love to travel, in fact I'm wanted from an international drug and firearms trafficking investigation.







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Denis Ivziku

Wanted for drug trafficking, conspiracy to traffic and possession of property; charges stem from an international investigation dubbed Project Divergent

Age: 24 years old Height: 5'5"-5'7"

Weight: 150-160 lbs Eye colour: Brown Hair colour: Brown



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Bith Gattang Chuol

Wanted for first-degree murderin connection with a homicide in Alberta, kidnapping, break and enter, and extortion

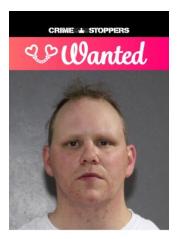
Dark complexion

Height: 193 cm (6 ft 4 in) Weight: 64 kg (140 lbs)

Black hair Brown eyes



Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers' Six Least Wanted Valentines



Adam Thorndyke
With me, you never really know what
you're gonna get, because I'm wanted on
98 charges of fraud!

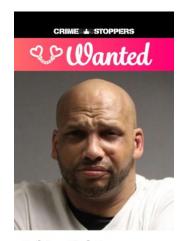






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Fabian Yul Brown
I have a lot of interests: I'm wanted for kidnapping, assault, break and enter, fraud and more.







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Fabian Yul Brown

Wanted for multiple charges including kidnapping, assault, unlawful confinement, uttering threats, break and enter, fraud, and possession of stolen property

Age: 49
Height Eyes
Brown Eyes
Bald