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## **\*\* Media Advisory \*\***

### **WPD, Sheriff's Office and Westar Energy to Help CrimeStoppers**

The Wichita Police Department, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Westar Energy and CrimeStoppers of Wichita and Sedgwick County have teamed up to increase public awareness of the CrimeStoppers anonymous phone line, it was announced today by Wichita Police Captain Ken Atnip.

"Soon, all Wichita Police and Sedgwick County Sheriff patrol cars and Westar Energy trucks will have decals on them with the CrimeStoppers logo and phone number," said Atnip. "This added visibility significantly increases public awareness of the CrimeStoppers program."

Atnip said the goal is to get stickers on as many business vehicles as possible as a way to enhance public awareness of the CrimeStoppers program. Atnip added that the anonymity of CrimeStoppers encourages public involvement.

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**“The major benefit to calling CrimeStoppers is that the call is totally anonymous. Citizens can be confident that citizens can report a crime or suspect by calling 316-267-2111 and no one will ask their name.”**

**Atnip said CrimeStoppers has a long and proven record of being an important component in Wichita’s fight against crime. Over the 27 years CrimeStoppers has been in existence in Wichita and Sedgwick County, more than 2,300 people have been arrested as a result of anonymous tips from citizens. Nearly \$270,000 has been paid out in rewards by CrimeStoppers.”**

**CrimeStoppers is a non-profit organization of citizens against crimes that promotes apprehension of criminals by offering rewards to encourage a citizen-based response to crime and violence.**