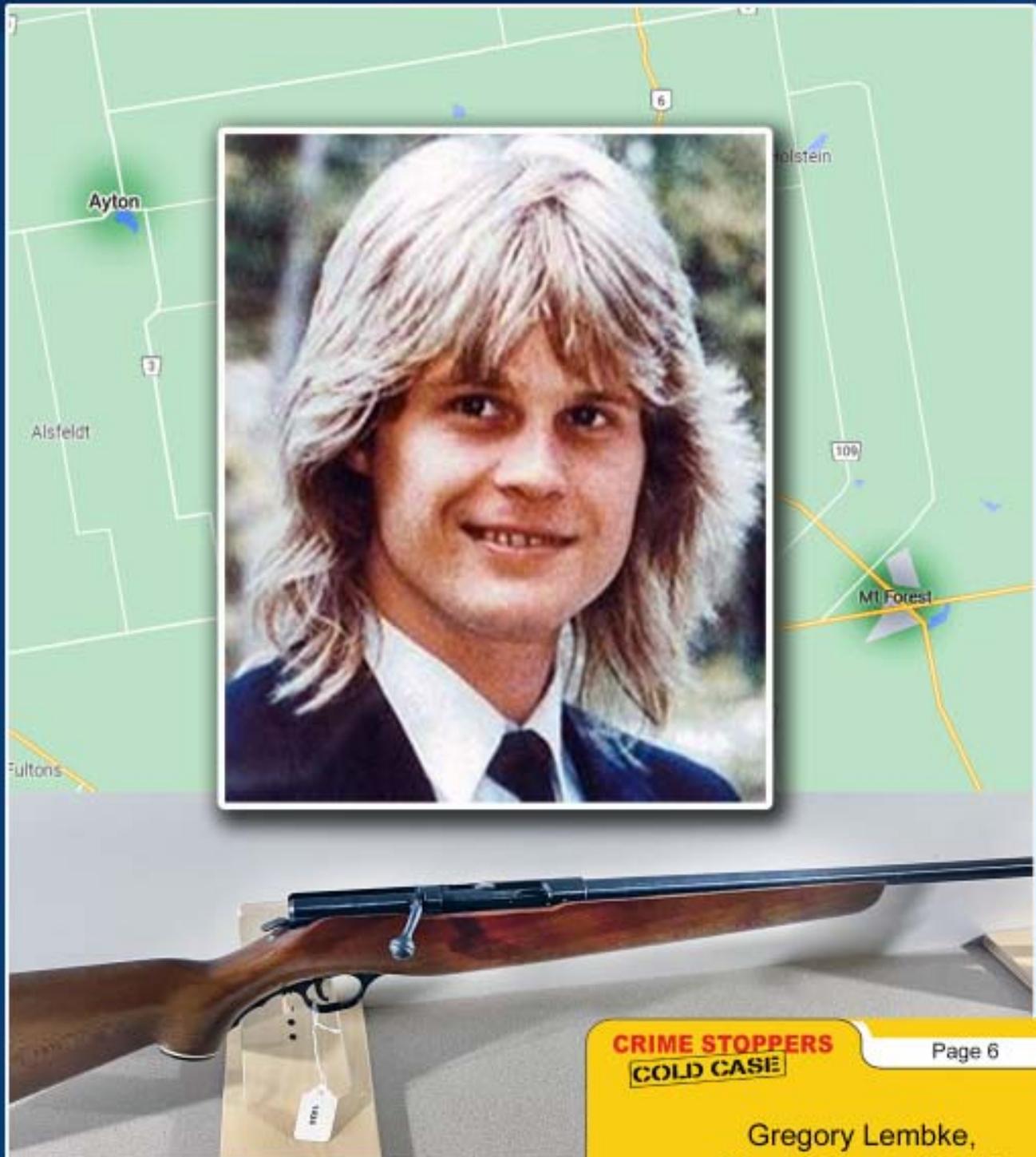


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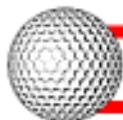
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Celebrating 30 years of Fundraising for Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce



Creating a safer place for all

by Morley Lymburner

Keeping the community safe means everyone must work at it. Police can not do it all without the cooperation of the community. I found, in many cases, people in the community would like to do more but feel their ability to actually fight crime is limited by their fears, resources or abilities.

Ask any police officer how you can be a game-changer in reducing crime and invariably they say, "Just be a good witness and then call." Now-a-days being a good witness can mean such things as writing down what you saw to help refresh your memory later and even take a picture of what happened if you have a cell phone. It also means being willing to come to court to give testimony.

We are not all Batman or super heroes. Almost all of us really want to see the bad guys caught but not sure how or in which way to help. Sometimes what is happening is just too close for comfort and the court process seems a bit too daunting. However you still feel you just can not stand by or permit something bad to happen in your community.

Crime Stoppers is the perfect solution for many. Anonymously supplying the police with a heads-up is of tremendous help. No need to get involved further. No courts or lost time. By pointing police to the right people or place you become a directional sign rather than a stop light... and an anonymous hero who, we feel, should be rewarded in some way.

A police officer's level of success is quite often predicated on the number of informants they can cultivate in the community. Informants are invaluable but it takes a long time to develop and quite often they have a "what's in it for me" attitude that can go down murky roads.

Crime Stoppers is the one personal source that places the potential of every eyeball in the community on an equal footing to reduce and prevent bad things from happening or from getting much worse. The program also encourages anonymous informants by offering cash for information that leads to arrests or solves a serious issue in the community.

The Crime Stoppers program has proven to be effective and successful through its vast expansion throughout North America and beyond since 1973. Grey and Bruce county is fortunate to have a program of their own but there is no free ride on taxpayers money. Without direct government funding, community volunteers raising funds to cover expenses and rewards through curling bonspiels, baseball and golf tournaments as well as classic car tours that introduce people to the region's natural beauty.

Through a constant balance between people phoning in tips, stepping up to volunteer, donating and sponsoring, we have a safer community for all.

Communities, industry, merchants and individuals are encouraged to donate money, time or resources to help support this program. The difference this has made over the past many years is distinctly noticeable.

If you want to find out more go to www.CSTIP.ca, phone 519-371-6078 or anonymously calling in a tip to 1-800-222-TIPS. Remember, it's your community and it's your call.

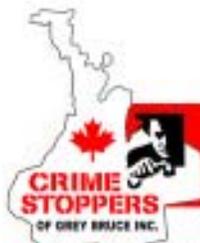


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FRAUD PREVENTION



March is Fraud Prevention Month so let's discuss the growing list of scams and ways by which you can be separated from your hard-earned money.

by Laurie Del Net
President, SafeTeaVis Inc.

We are all at risk. We hear the stories every time we turn on the news, or scroll through social media, and yet the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) reports that in January of 2022 alone, 5,569 reports of fraud were received, totalling 34 million dollars in losses. It is also worth noting that the CAFC also reports that only five per cent of all frauds actually get reported. Of the scams that were reported, investment scams resulted in the most significant losses, with a reported \$113 million reported in 2021.

In addition to investment scams, the CAFC reports that the top five reported scams were extortion, phishing, merchandise scams, and service and vendor scams. The Ontario Provincial Police also report an increase in the number of scams associated with home renovations and contractors.

Acting Without Thinking

Regardless of the nature of the scam, one thing is true across the board; the scammers want you to hurry. They want you to act without thinking! They

want you to open your door, open your text, open your email, and open avenues for them to access your information and your money. And they want you to do it before you have time to think or confirm what they are telling you or asking you to do. Scammers are also getting more sophisticated with elaborate documents and apps designed to impress.

So how can we protect ourselves?

- SLOW DOWN!
- Think for a moment
- Did I request this quote?
- Did I ask for information?
- Did I invite a contractor or vendor to my home?
- Would a legitimate contractor be going door to door and be asking for an unreasonable amount of money up front?
- Would my bank ask me to give information by phone or email?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, be concerned. Remember that your bank, and government agencies DO NOT ask you for identity or banking information by phone, nor would they ever ask you to pay a debt using gift cards.

Internet and Email Fraud

If you receive an email or text message which uses urgency with phrases like “limited time offer”, “act now” “immediate attention required”, stop, don’t click, don’t follow links, and don’t provide personal information. Cyber criminals target people not systems and they do their homework, and so should you. If you receive an email from an official looking vendor or bank, check the phone numbers or website links against what you have on file. Do not respond to the email or text, but rather make a call to attempt to verify what you have received.

Don’t be fooled by official looking logos. Review signatures, names, and email addresses carefully. You may find that a trusted name is misspelled ever so slightly in an attempt to fool you. You may also note spelling and grammatical errors in the body of the email or text. Any of these things can be a clue to a possible scam.

Social Media

We are also vulnerable on social media. As much as these platforms have been enormously helpful during the pandemic, keeping us closer to loved ones and allowing us to see and purchase items from the safety of our homes, they come with risks. You can minimize these risks by being mindful of what you post, what you respond to, what friend requests you accept and what files you open.

You should also be careful not to post information that tells the world that you are away from your home. Wait until you are home to post those awesome beach pictures! Posting them in real time, while you’re away, is an invitation for a break in to occur at home.

You should also be certain that you have adequate password protection on all platforms, apps and devices. It is critical to revisit your password security regularly. Be sure that you are using long, complicated passwords that include a variety of letters, numbers, and symbols. The longer the password, the harder it is to crack. Be sure that you are using unique passwords for each system, platform and device. Using two stage authentication whenever available, may take a few seconds longer, but it will add a vital layer of protection.

Keeping security and virus protection current on all devices is also important, as the updates frequently contain vital security patches that will further protect you and your data.

Report The Crime

Lastly, if you do fall victim to fraud, report it! Call the police and report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. You may be embarrassed, or upset, and be uncomfortable telling anyone that you’ve been scammed, but sharing the details with police and the CAFC, will help them track trends and identify the criminals. You may hold a piece of the puzzle that makes an arrest possible!

If you still have questions or concerns, or you’re unclear about the security of your systems, your home or your business, call in a professional. The money you spend with them may save you a great deal more down the road.



Founder and President of *SafeTeaVis Inc.*, **Laurie Del Net** has over 30 years of safety and security management experience. As a senior member of the management team for several large retailers and telecommunications companies, she has managed teams of investigators and analysts, and was responsible for all aspects of physical security, loss prevention, cyber security, theft, fraud, and health and safety programs and training.

Laurie was also part of the new store development teams, dealing with new builds, merchandise replenishment, cash management and more. Laurie brings all of this experience to *SafeTeaVis Inc.* to help small businesses, home owners and cottagers assess their risks and build customized protection plans. Her ultimate goal is to educate, raise awareness and prevent her clients from being a victim of crime.

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Unsolved Murder of Gregory Lembke, Mount Forest, Ontario

Published January 4, 1992

The body of 26-year-old Gregory Lembke of West Grey was found in a lot near Mount Forest on Jan. 4, 1992. He was a 26 years old and was separated from his wife at the time of his death and lived alone in a rural farmhouse outside of Ayton, Ontario.

Lembke had been shot in the neck and head at close range with a .410 calibre shotgun. Investigators know the murder occurred at this location. One spent .410 gauge, Remington 3", Number 6 shot, shotgun shell casing, and one live .410 Remington shotgun shell were found in the middle of the driveway leading into the area, on the east side of the closed wooden rail gate.

Lembke did not own a motor vehicle but a dark blue 4x4 style pick up truck, seen in Gregory Lembke's driveway the evening before his body was found, is of particular interest to police.

On April 15th, 1992 police were informed of the discovery of two guns, located in the south ditch of the Egremont-Glenelg Township Line, in Southgate, Ontario. One gun was found to be a Norica, bolt ac-



tion repeater, single barrel .410 gauge shotgun, model 1500 Ranger. This shotgun was confirmed as the gun that shot the spent .410 gauge shotgun shell found at the murder scene. This gun was found to have been stolen in a residential break-in late in 1991. Also stolen in this entry was a Curtis video cassette recorder which was later recovered after being resold.

Police have conducted hundreds of interviews and completed all forensic testing, however the murder remains unsolved. It is hoped that with the passage of time some people with further knowledge of this crime might come forward or at least pass an anonymous tip on to Crime Stoppers to direct the investigation further. If anyone wishes to become a witness the province of Ontario is offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to a conviction.

If you know something say something

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It's a Trailer Thing



(GUELPH) At approximately 5:00am on Wednesday February 15, 2022, a theft occurred from a commercial address located on Edinburgh Road North, between Willow Road and Speedvale Avenue West in Guelph.

Stolen was a trailer, described as black in colour, with "Seadoo" written on the back. Inside the trailer were two Arctic Cat ATVs. A suspect vehicle was captured on video towing away the trailer and is described as a grey, 4-door Chevrolet or GMC pickup.

Total value for the theft is estimated at \$30,000.

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(WELLINGTON NORTH) At approximately 2:00am on Wednesday March 2, 2022, a theft occurred from a business located in Arthur.

Stolen from the property was a 2021 black 24-foot enclosed car trailer. Value of theft is estimated at \$25,000.

The suspect vehicle is described as a white GMC Sierra HD model with a crew cab.

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(GUELPH) Sometime overnight on Wednesday February 16, 2022 a theft occurred from a business property located on Malcolm Road in Guelph.

Stolen was a camper trailer, described as a Kodiak 17-foot single axle, white and blue in colour, with a white cover with blue stripes.

The trailer was being stored at the location and is valued at more than \$30,000.

(ELDERSLEY TWP.) Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce and the South Bruce OPP are seeking the public's help in solving the theft of a utility trailer.

Sometime between December 31, 2021 and January 3, 2022, a white United 6' x 12' enclosed utility trailer, bearing plate E7396Z and equipped with a tandem axle and the name "Farrow Electric" on the side, was stolen from a property along Thomas Road in Elderslie Township.

The value of the stolen trailer, including electrical parts stored inside, is more than \$14,000.

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(BRANT TWP) Sometime between 12:00 p.m. on November 30, 2021 and 9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2021, a green 36 foot Horst header wagon, equipped with four-wheel steering and valued at \$10,000, was stolen from a property along Sideroad 25 in Brant Township.

The serial number is on file with police.

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(POINT CLARK) Sometime between 7:00 p.m. on July 18, 2021 and 12:00 p.m. on July 19, 2021 a black 8' x 6' utility trailer, bearing plates L6726B, was stolen from a residence along Attawandaron Road in Huron Township (Point Clark).

The trailer has a full down gate and had a load of cedar fence boards when it was taken. The value of the stolen trailer and fence boards is \$5,500.

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(HEPWORTH) On November 12, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. three unknown suspects attended a residence on Spencer Street in Hepworth and stole a Puma travel trailer.

The suspects departed in two vehicles with the trailer in tow behind a white pickup truck with “U-Haul” decals on the side; and a silver vehicle believed to be a Subaru. It is strongly believed the decals were replicas as the vehicle is not in the U-Haul fleet.

Surveillance photos of the trailer and suspect vehicles are available.



(BRANT TWP.) Sometime between 12:00 a.m. on November 5, 2021 and 8:00 a.m. on November 9, 2021, a white Look cargo trailer, bearing plate J1494X and equipped with a tandem axle and a roof mounted solar panel, was stolen from an address along Main Street North in Brant Township.

The trailer contained a Miller 250 Bobcat welder, crimping machine, and a number of hand tools. The value of the stolen trailer and its contents is more than \$35,000.

A photo of the stolen trailer is available.

(PAISLEY) Sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on



October 31, 2021, a gray Suzuki AXI 750 ATV bearing plate 4TV58; and a 5' x 7' galvanized utility trailer with drop down loading ramp, bearing plate V5170S, were stolen from a residence along Balaklava Street in Paisley. The total value of this theft is \$18,000 and the serial numbers are on file with police.

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Sometime between 11:30 p.m. on February 24, 2022 and 12:30 a.m. on February 25, 2022, a silver Toyota GR86 MT was stolen from a property along Bruce County Road 4 in Brant Township.

The car was unuplatted at the time of the theft, but the vehicle identification number is on file with police. The value of the stolen vehicle is estimated to be more than \$33,000.

The photo above is similar to the stolen vehicle.



Sometime between 9:00 p.m. on February 26, 2022 and 10:00 a.m. on February 27, 2022, a black Hyundai Elantra, bearing plates CTKR 963, was stolen from a residence along 5th Avenue South in Chesley.

The vehicle identification number is on file with police.

The photo above is similar to the stolen vehicle.



Sometime between 7:55 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on February 15, 2022, an orange and black Polaris Switchback Pro-S 800 snowmobile, bearing licence 8AP894, was stolen from a property along Yonge Street South in Walkerton.

Then, sometime between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on February 15, 2022 a black Polaris Indy FST Classic snowmobile, bearing plate 955267, was stolen from a property in the 5000 block of Highway 9 in Kincardine Township.

The serial numbers for both snowmobiles are on file with police.

The photos above are similar to the stolen vehicles.



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce and the Grey Bruce OPP are seeking the public's help in locating a stolen tractor.

The tractor is described as a red 2020 Mahindra 6075 model, and the vehicle identification number (VIN) is 60754FPAL.

This tractor is part of an ongoing property crime investigation, and Police believe that some of the branding on the tractor may have been removed.

The photo above is similar to the stolen vehicle.

MISSING



NAME

- Joshua CULP
- 6 feet tall, 160 pounds
- Dirty Blond hair, Blue eyes
- Tattoo on left forearm "CRiP"
- Tattoo on right forearm "smiley face with tongue out"

LAST SEEN: January 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. on Water Street in Lucknow.

If you have had any contact with Joshua CULP or have any information regarding their whereabouts, please contact the Ontario Provincial Police 1-888-310-1122



Text Message Rebate Scam

The Ontario government says it is aware of a text message phishing scam falsely claiming to help individuals get their licence plate renewal fee refunds.

The text messages appear to ask residents to click on a link in order to get their \$120 back. The words "ServiceOntario" are seen at the top of the text, making it appear as though the message was approved by a legitimate government source.

"Individuals should not open or click on any links as this message is not authorized by ServiceOntario and is a scam," a spokesperson for the Ministry of Government and Consumer Affairs said in a statement.

"ServiceOntario will not contact you directly to provide a link to a refund. Ontarians will receive refunds for licence plate stickers directly by cheque through the mail in late March and through April."

Hydro False rebate Claims

If you get an email that looks like it's from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) about rebate programs, be extra careful.

The board is warning of email scams making the rounds and the emails often look like they're from them, but they're not.

They typically include a link to an "application form" to get the rebates and consumers are told they have to schedule a home energy assessment.

The board says that's not the case.

OEB officials say the emails are not from or in any way endorsed by the board. They won't email you or call you about energy rebates unless you have reached out first.

They say beware in particular of emails that are sent from @energyassistanceprogram and refer to the "Energy

Assistance Program" or the "Assistance Program". That entity is not affiliated with or endorsed by the OEB.

Some emails include links to an energyassistanceprogram.org website, which is not an OEB website. They say they've also heard about an email sent from @ontariogreensavings.com that refers to "Ontario Green Savings" and that link to the same web site.

There are programs through the province and board to help customers with their energy bills and you can find out more by clicking here.

No energy assessment, audit, inspection or home visit is needed to qualify for any of the legitimate programs and you also don't have to buy any goods or services from any company.

If you are worried about any suspicious communications, you can also contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501. Originally reported by Durham Radio News

How Utility Scams Work

Someone calls claiming to be from your gas, water or electric company. They say your service will be cut off if you don't pay them immediately. This is a scam. Real utility companies don't do this. But these scammers want to scare you into paying, before you have time to confirm what they're telling you.

How To Avoid Utility Scams

Hang up and call the utility company yourself. Call the company using the number on your bill or the utility company's website even if the person who contacted you left a call-back number. Often times, those call-back numbers are fake. If the message came by text, don't respond and do the same. If your bill says you owe anything, pay it as you normally would, not as the caller says.

Never wire money or pay with a reloadable card, gift card, or cryptocurrency to anyone who demands it. Only scammers will require one of those kinds of payment. Your utility company won't ask you to pay that way. Once you send the money, you probably won't get it back.

If you're actually behind on your utility bills, read Getting Utility Services: Why Your Credit Matters to learn more about your options.



Massive Surge In On-line Scams

Social Media now accounts for 25 per cent of cases

Data from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) indicates that bogus cryptocurrency investments led to an unprecedented increase in online scams last year.

Cryptocurrency is an easy target because while it's surging in popularity, there's still a lot of confusion about how it works and a lot of people are interested in the online world.

This is especially true among younger people who are digitally savvy but less financially literate.

People ages 18-to-39 were more than twice as likely to report losing money to social media scams as older adults last year.

Investment-related scams on social media are the most common, representing 37% of all reported losses. The next most popular scams are romance and online shopping scams. The greatest volume of complaints filed to the FCC came from rackets related to online shopping. The FTC said "people send money, often cryptocurrency, on promises of huge returns, but end up empty handed."

Fraud cases from social media now account for roughly 25 per cent of all fraud cases in the U.S., up 18x from 2017.

In 2021, more than 95,000 people reported losing around \$770 million to fraud schemes on social media.

FTC highlighted the role Facebook and Instagram play in social media fraud, noting that more than a third of people who reported losing money to an online romance scam said it began on one of those platforms. It can be assumed a lot of the online shopping scams

would have been from these platforms as well. Axios reported that "Nearly nine out of ten named *Facebook* or *Instagram* as the platform in which online shopping scams related to undelivered goods originated, the agency said.

"We put significant resources towards tackling this kind of fraud and abuse," said a spokesperson for parent company Meta.

"We also go beyond suspending and deleting accounts, Pages, and ads. We take legal action against those responsible when we can and always encourage people to report this behavior when they see it."

The FTC, which regulates advertising, noted in its report that cheap, targeted ads on social media make it easier for fraudsters to hyper-target victims using information like their interests or past purchases.

Google and Facebook restricted crypto-related ads in 2018. Google reinstated them in a limited capacity last summer.

(This article was originally sourced from [axios.com](https://www.axios.com).)

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Canada's Opioid Crisis

About Canada's Opioid Crisis

Illegal drugs and problematic drug or substance use are not new in Canada. However, the opioid crisis has brought to light the devastating effects opioids are having on individuals, families and communities across Canada. **Since 2016, there have been more than 9,000 apparent opioid-related deaths. In 2017, approximately 11 lives were lost each day because of opioid overdoses.** Many others have been hospitalized because of an opioid overdose.

The numbers tell us that:

- the opioid crisis continues to grow
- 94% of opioid overdose deaths happen by accident
- **young Canadians aged 15 to 24 are the fastest-growing population requiring hospital care from opioid overdoses**

How are illegal opioids driving the crisis?

Canada's street drugs have become tainted with powerful opioids, such as fentanyl. This is leading to a high rate of overdoses and deaths. Fake pills are being produced using unknown amounts of fentanyl. As well, sometimes drugs that are made illegally may accidentally contain fentanyl when produced on surfaces and equipment contaminated with fentanyl. **You can't see, taste or smell fentanyl, and a few grains of salt worth of fentanyl can be enough to kill you.**

Are Canada's prescription opioids contributing to the crisis?

The opioid crisis is a complex issue. Illegal drugs with fentanyl added to them are causing many of the opioid-related harms and deaths. However, prescription opioids have also contributed to the crisis. While opioids offer benefits, they also come with risks. High rates of opioid prescribing mean that more people are being exposed to the risks of opioids.



The federal government has been working with partners to address the crisis by:

- ✓ **Making naloxone kits available** for free and without a prescription in most provinces and territories
- ✓ **Distributing wallet cards across Canada** to raise awareness about the signs of an overdose and what to do during an overdose
- ✓ **Protecting people who call for help when an overdose occurs** from minor drug possession charges through the **Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act**
- ✓ **Raising awareness about stigma** to reduce barriers to treatment and health and social services for people who use drugs
- ✓ **Increasing access to treatment** services in provinces and territories
- ✓ **Approving supervised consumption sites and allowing provinces and territories to quickly set up overdose prevention sites** to reduce harms associated with drug use and to prevent death

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Pandemic caused spike in hate crimes

Sourced: Canadian Press and Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

Data from the federal government released on March 17th shows police-reported hate crimes spiked sharply across the country during the first year of the pandemic.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce initiated a program, "Hate Is Not Anonymous," last November in recognition of this growing trend which is now confirmed by Stats Canada.

"By their very nature hate crimes are the number one factor in a society's decay," says Morley Lymburner, Vice Chair of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce. "It can start with ethnic jokes and then escalate to verbal and physical assaults that society can not afford to ignore."

The unique program, which points out that hate is not anonymous but your response can be, was highlighted on Crime Stoppers web site and promoted through press releases across the two counties. To date several incidents have been reported and recordings of property damage submitted and posted on the Crime Stoppers web page.

Nationally a detailed analysis on the number of hate crimes in 2020 published by Statistics Canada, shows them rising 37 per cent overall in Canada from 2019, with police reporting a total of 2,669 that year. In B.C., they rose 60 per cent and, when adjusted for population, the incident rate was higher than any other province or territory.

Nationally, 2020 had the highest number of police-reported hate crimes since comparable data became available in 2009. The data also shows crimes targeting race or ethnicity almost doubled in 2020 compared to 2019.

Statistics Canada says the pandemic further exposed and exacerbated issues related to community safety and discrimination in Canada, including hate crime.

According to a crowd-sourcing survey conducted by the federal agency early in the pandemic, respondents belonging to visible minority groups were three times more likely to have perceived an increase in race-

based harassment or attacks compared with the rest of the population. Asian respondents felt the most at risk.

In July 2021, more than half of Asian Canadians surveyed by the Angus Reid Institute said they had suffered discrimination over the past year. In Vancouver, police said anti-Asian hate crimes increased 717 per cent during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The increase did not happen right away. The data indicates that when initial lockdowns were in place, the numbers were lower in the first month and a half of the pandemic than in 2019. They then rose rapidly between May and December and 43 per cent of them were violent.

Hate crimes targeting Indigenous people more than doubled nationally but accounted for only three per cent of police-reported crimes across Canada.

According to Statistics Canada, self-reported data indicates that rates of violent victimization among Indigenous people were more than double

that among non-Indigenous people, but also showed that Indigenous people have lower confidence in police, the justice system and other institutions than their non-Indigenous counterparts.

Hate crimes targeting religion actually declined 16 per cent from 2019. The decrease was primarily because hate crimes targeting the Muslim population dropped by 55 per cent in Canada in 2020, from 182 incidents to 82 incidents. In contrast, crimes against Jewish people rose five per cent.

Crimes targeting an individual because of their sexual orientation were down by two per cent. However, violent crimes accounted for almost 58 per cent of hate crimes targeting a sexual orientation compared to 20 per cent in crimes targeting religion and 47 per cent of those targeting race or ethnicity.

Analysis of all police-reported hate crimes between 2011 and 2020 shows that victims of violent hate crimes committed on the basis of their perceived Indigenous identity or sexual orientation tended to be the youngest among hate crime victims and sustain the highest proportion of injury.

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Helping All Communities Stay Safe

by Cal Millar

Crime Stoppers programs work in a highly confidential world in order to protect the identities of people who communicate with them. For many this means they do not completely understand the programs' beginnings or how they became the popular community helping organization they have become.

Michael Carmen became the catalyst for Crime Stoppers when he was shot to death during a gas bar robbery on July 24, 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The 20-year-old college student was working part-time to earn extra money not only to help with his tuition, but to pay expenses for his upcoming wedding.

It was sometime after 2 a.m. when a man confronted Carmen with a shotgun in the kiosk and demanded money from the cash register. After grabbing about \$130 from the till, the gunman pointed his 12-gauge weapon and fired a blast from less than two feet away into Carmen's abdomen.

When Carmen collapsed to the floor, the bandit callously stepped over the dying victim and took several cartons of cigarettes from a display case before escaping in a getaway vehicle driven by another person.

Police were alerted a short time later when a customer pulled into the Fill-Em-Fast service station on Wyoming Avenue to purchase gasoline and found Carmen in a pool of blood moaning for help.

Greg MacAleese was one of several detectives from Albuquerque's Violent Crimes Unit who was summoned from home to assist members of the Homicide Squad with the investigation. There were no witnesses and the victim had been whisked to Presbyterian Hospital where doctors were fighting to save his life.

MacAleese assigned patrol officers to canvass the neighbourhood to see if anyone had seen or heard anything, while he made his way to the hospital's emergency department to see if Carmen could provide any details to identify those responsible. The injuries were catastrophic and Carmen wasn't able to communicate.

He died minutes later with MacAleese at his side.

The young detective called the police department's chaplain and, shortly before daybreak, they made their way to Carmen's home to inform his parents of the tragedy.

Carmen's senseless slaying was one of a number of homicides in recent years which gave Albuquerque a reputation of being one of the most violent and crime-ridden cities in the United States. Because of this, MacAleese had spent several months trying to devise a plan to reduce and solve crime in an effort to make the community safer and more secure for residents.

He came up with the idea of making appeals through the media for information on unsolved cases, offering a reward to anyone who helped solve a crime and guaranteeing the individual anonymity so they wouldn't have to provide their name or testify in court.

The concept intrigued Albuquerque's police chief, Bob Stover, but angered other senior officers and a number of colleagues who couldn't fathom the thought of allowing a witness to slip through their fingers.

Although Chief Stover thought the idea had merit, he insisted MacAleese prove his "out of the box" theory could be developed into a full investigative tool and utilized to solve crime. It was a daunting task but MacAleese worked to put the various pieces together with the formation of a partnership between the police, media and the community.

MacAleese, who was born in Picton, Ontario, had joined the Albuquerque Police Department only three years earlier and had a meteoric rise to detective. Before becoming a police officer, he graduated from college with a journalism degree and had worked with the Associated Press and the *Albuquerque Tribune* until he found the pressure of deadlines too stressful.

It was his knowledge of the media and a realization of the public's need for a safe and secure environment that helped MacAleese incorporate the various components that finally culminated with the world's first Crime Stoppers program.

There was also a great deal of frustration when leads fiz-

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zled out in the Carmen killing and MacAleese realized the slaying met all the criteria to be the first Crime Stoppers appeal. It also fulfilled a promise made to Carmen's mother that MacAleese would do everything possible to find those responsible for killing her son.

A recreation of the gas bar shooting was produced by KOAT-TV and broadcast September 8, 1976 on the evening news-cast while the *Albuquerque Tribune* and some radio stations carried stories about the special appeal and the \$1,000 reward offer to track down Carmen's killer.

Several hours later, MacAleese received a call from someone who gave details of a car speeding away from the gas station at the time of the slaying and the description of two occupants. The vehicle was located some time later and investigators identified the owner and another individual resembling the passenger described by the anonymous caller.

There was no evidence linking the two people with the homicide and detectives worked for months before finally connecting the pair to the robbery and Carmen's death. A procedural error forced a judge to dismiss the murder charge against the bandit who fired the shotgun blast that killed Carmen. But a week later a jury convicted the getaway driver and he was sentenced to life in connection with the slaying.

Meanwhile, from the initial launch, Albuquerque's Crime Stoppers hotline was getting calls from people with tips on a myriad of unsolved crimes, including the identity of a person responsible for a series of vicious sexual attacks in the vicinity of a local shopping mall.

With Crime Stoppers immediate success of solving crime in Albuquerque, the program rapidly expanded to a number of other communities across the United States and into Canada. Calgary opened the first Crime Stoppers program in Canada in 1982 followed a year later when Hamilton set up the first program in Ontario.

For designing what has been called one of the top three innovations in modern day policing, MacAleese was honoured with the Police Officer of the Year award in the United States. The other innovations cited with Crime Stoppers are fingerprinting and DNA.

Today, there are more than 1,700 Crime Stoppers programs in 32 countries with a crime being solved every 14 minutes somewhere in the world as a result of information provided anonymously by individuals to various Crime Stoppers tip lines.

Crime Stoppers units are also linked through an informal network and today form the largest crime solving partnership with police in the world.

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What Is Phishing?

Phishing is typically an email scam which tries to deceive people into thinking a legitimate organization is requesting private information.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR...

A phishing message is intended to get a quick reaction from you, using upsetting or exciting information demanding an urgent response, or employing a false pretense or statement.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF...

Be suspicious of any email or text message containing urgent requests for personal or financial information (financial institutions and credit card companies normally will not use email to confirm an existing client's information).



It's important to remember to regularly update your computer protection with anti-virus software, spyware filters, email filters and firewall programs.

KNOW Who You're Dealing With...



Financial Scams & Frauds

Whether you are a teenager or a retiree, criminals are eager to steal your personal information and your money using scams and frauds that exist in nearly every area of the marketplace, including online.

From door-to-door utility scams to online 'phishing' for your financial data, these frauds threaten your security by targeting personal information and putting you at risk of financial loss or identity. So it is important to know how to protect yourself.

If you suspect you may be a target of fraud, or have fallen victim to fraud, you should contact your local police service.

Advice For Young People:

Don't request intimate photos or videos. You could be committing a criminal offence.

- **Think** about the consequences of taking, sending, requesting or forwarding a sexual picture of yourself or someone else. You could get kicked off teams, face humiliation, lose educational opportunities and even get in trouble with the law.
- **Before** hitting "send", remember that you can not control where this image may travel. What you send to a boyfriend or girlfriend could end up with others.

Apply the T.H.I.N.K. test before posting:

T. Is it True?

H. Is it Hurtful?

I. Is it Illegal?

N. Is it Necessary?

K. Is it Kind?

If what you are posting on social media doesn't pass the T.H.I.N.K. test you may be breaking the law.



It is important to know that Crime Stoppers is not a police run operation, but actually charitable organizations run by local volunteers who rely on donations to maintain tip lines to receive anonymous information to help police in solving crime. Donations are also used to pay rewards of up to \$2,000 whenever a crime is solved.

Internationally, Crime Stoppers focuses on Cyber Crime; Environmental and Wildlife Crime; International Fugitives; Human Trafficking; Illicit Trade and Financial Crime. Nationally Crime Stoppers takes tips on potential terrorist acts; drug and gun smuggling, as well as missing persons. And locally programs focus on all crime from bicycle thefts to bank robberies and street muggings to homicide.

Local Crime Stoppers programs also take tips on victimization of the elderly, illegal dumping, animal cruelty and offences against wildlife, arson, fraud or basically any criminal activity affecting residents. Programs also focus on the safety and security of students in local schools and activity related to drug smuggling and illicit drug use.

The latest partnership with Crime Stoppers builds on previous successful initiatives, namely, the initiatives to promote aviation safety, which began in June 2018, to help reduce the number of dangerous attacks from hand-held lasers against all

types of aircraft.

Through the years, Crime Stoppers has been recognized by several heads of state, including Presidents of the United States, Canadian Prime Ministers and Queen Elizabeth II. In a 2019 letter, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau praised the efforts of Crime Stoppers for helping solve and reduce criminal activity, and ensure safety in neighbourhoods across Canada.

Members of Crime Stoppers across the country take pride in their efforts to improve the quality of life of their fellow citizens by ensuring safe communities.



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What Can I Do To Keep My Tween/Teen Safe?

Make it a habit to talk with your tween/teen about online activities.

Discuss things like:

- The privacy controls they have set up on the various apps they use.
- Who they are "friends" with on social media and how they know them.
- Who they can chat with and/or video chat with while online.
- What information they should and should not be revealing in their messages, posts and photos/videos.
- The fact the internet is a public space and it's easy to lose control over what happens to text, photos and videos sent through apps and social media.
- If any of their friends had difficult experiences online, and their feelings around what happened.
- Being a leader and not forwarding pictures of others they may receive.

It's important to regularly engage in discussions about who your child is connecting with online.

Teen Internet Safety Tips

1. Keep your online identity secret.
2. Your username and password belongs to you and only you.
3. The Internet has a long memory, so be cautious about what you post.
4. Be extremely careful about meeting someone in person.
5. Depending on your age your parents are ultimately responsible for you online.

Be Careful - Not Impulsive

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At a morning press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the RCMP with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"Al-Gebra is a problem for us," the Attorney General said. "Al-Gebra has terrorized many young people for years. They derive solutions by means and extremes and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values".

"They use secret code names like 'X' and 'Y' and refer to themselves as 'unknowns,' but we've determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medial with coordinates in every country."

As the Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say, "There are three sides to every triangle."

When asked to comment on the arrest, the head of Airport Security said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, he would have given us more fingers and toes."

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So I am at the mega grocery store scanning and bagging my almost \$300 worth of groceries while the employee, that wants \$15 an hour, "monitors" my bagging and then this happened;

Her: Why are you double bagging all of your groceries?

Me: Excuse me?

Her: You are wasting our bags!

Me: if you don't like the way I'm bagging the groceries, feel free to come on over here and bag them for me.

Her: That's not my job!

Me: Okay, then I will bag my groceries how I please if that's all right with you.

Her: Why are you using two bags?!

Me: Because the bags are weak and I don't want the handles to break or the bottoms to rip out.

Her: Well that's because you are putting too much stuff in the bag. If you took half of that stuff out and put it in a different bag then you wouldn't need to double bag. (ten seconds of me just staring at her)

Me: So you want me to split these items and put half of them in a different bag so that I don't have to double bag these items.

Her: Exactly.

Me: So I would still be using two bags to hold the same number of items.

Her: No, because you wouldn't be double bagging. (Pressing two fingers to my left eye in an attempt to make it stop twitching)

Me: Okay, so here I have a jug of milk and a bottle of juice double bagged. If I take the milk out and remove the double bagging and just put the milk in the single bag and the juice in that single bag I'm still

using two bags for these two items.

Her: No, because you are not double bagging them so it's not the same number of bags. (Looking around at other customers who at this point are enjoying the show.)

Me: Is this like that *Common Core math* stuff I keep hearing about?

Her: Never mind you just don't get it.

And with that she went back to her podium so she could continue texting or playing games on her phone.

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My husband and I went through a fast-food driveway window and I gave the cashier a five dollar bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25 cents.

She said, 'you gave me too much money.'

I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar back.'

She sighed and went to get the manager as I grew embarrassed at the increasing line behind me. The manager asked me to repeat my request.

I did so, and he handed me back the 25 cents, and said, 'We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing.'

The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75 cents in change. I then gave her four quarters and asked if she could exchange this for a loonie. The light finally came on.

Do not confuse the people at drive-through windows.

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We had to have the garage door repaired.

The repairman told us that one of our problems was we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener

I thought for a minute and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower.

He shook his head and said, 'You need a 1/4 horsepower.'

I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

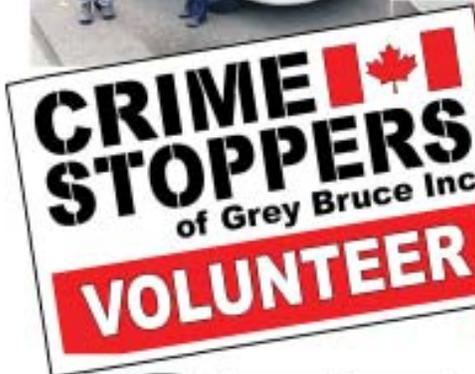
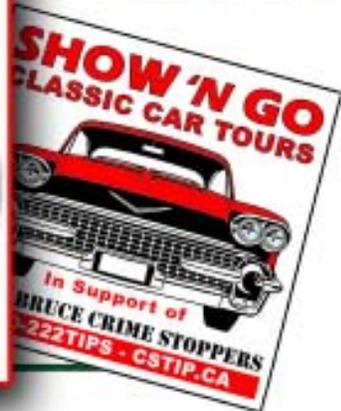
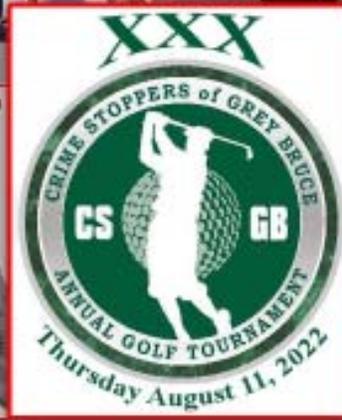
We haven't used that repairman since.

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We recently had a new neighbour call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.

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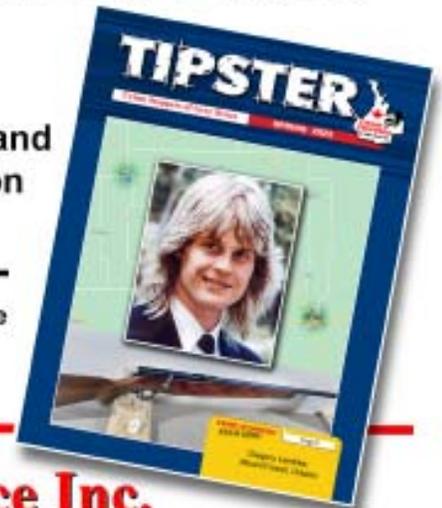
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