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Sangamon/Menard Counties

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October 2, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information on the whereabouts of a **Fugitive** in **Sangamon County**.

Richard Thomas Long is wanted for **Criminal Neglect of the Elderly**, a class three felony. He also has two other warrants. Mr. Long provided care to numerous elderly people within his home located just outside Sherman. On April 9th, 1999, Mr. Long allegedly left those elderly people unattended. Richard Long is a white male, 5' 11", 160 lbs. with brown hair and brown eyes. He may have altered his appearance and may have moved out of the state.

If you have any information about this **Fugitive**, or any other crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

October 9, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information on **Criminal Damage** that was done in the **Auburn Cemetery**.

In the evening hours of Tuesday, September 26th, or the early morning hours of Wednesday, September 27th, 103 head stones were knocked over. The southeast corner of the cemetery sustained most of the damage. Sixty-five of the 103 headstones were pushed over in this area. Several of the stones were broken. During the same time period, additional damage was done within Auburn. A barricade was thrown through the window of the Polen Meat Locker and tires were slashed on a backhoe that was parked west of the meat locker.

If you have any information about this **Damage**, or any other crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays

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October 16, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information on a **Reckless Discharge of a Firearm** that occurred in the area of **9th & Ash** streets in Springfield.

On Friday, October 6th, at 3:20 in the morning, a car was traveling West on Ash, near the 10th Street railroad tracks. The driver heard what sounded like a gun shot and immediately afterwards the drivers side front window and the passenger side front window were shattered. The bullet narrowly missed the drivers head. A business in that same area that was closed at the time also had two windows shot out. Two lead bullets were recovered but no casings were found.

If you have any information about this **Reckless Discharge of a Firearm**, or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

October 23, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information about **Arson** and **Criminal Trespass** that occurred on City Water Light and Power property.

Between September 10th and October 10th, a security light was broken at the communications sub station, located at 2900 Stevenson Drive. Entry into the sub station was gained by climbing the fence. Wires belonging to both CWLP and Ameritech were set on fire.

On September 21st, entry was gained to the power sub station located at 3400 Adloff. Circuit breaker boxes and switches had been tampered with.

If you have any information about this **Arson and Criminal Trespass**, or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

October 30, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information on two separate **Burglaries and Thefts** that occurred to elderly victims in the way of a scam.

A white male entered an unlocked door on a house in the 200 block of North Daniels and began talking with the victim. Another white male entered carrying a piece of linoleum and began demonstrating with it. After both men left, the victim discovered a wallet and money missing.

The second incident occurred in the 1000 block of Taintor Road. A white male, claiming to be a suveyor, lured the victim from the house. A second male, possibly Puerto Rican, is believed to have entered the house, stealing a safe containing jewelry and money.

If you have any information about these **Burlaries** or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

November 6, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information on a **Murder** that occurred in 1994.

At 12:49 PM, on New Year's Day 1994, the nude body of a white female was found in the rear of an address in the 900 block of North 4th Street, near the railroad tracks. The victim was identified as Tonia Smith, a 19 year old white female. At the time of her death, the victim was living in an apartment in the 1000 block of North 5th Street. The case was ruled a homicide and investigators believe the victims body may have been placed in the location where it was found. Investigators and the victims family are asking for your help.

If you have any information about this **Murder**, or any other crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

November 13, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information about **Guns** that are being used illegally in Sangamon and Menard Counties.

Every year numerous people are the victims of gun shot wounds. Some people are lucky enough to survive their injuries. Others have their lives taken from them, and some live the rest of their lives in misery after being paralyzed. If you see a gun being used, or carried illegally in a public place, please take the time to report the information. Officers will be dispatched immediately to investigate. If an arrest is made, you will receive a quick \$100 cash reward.

If you have any information about illegally carried **Guns** or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

November 20, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information on an **Unsolved Murder** from 1999.

On May 17th, 1999, Springfield Police were dispatched to Lincoln Towers, 520 South Second Street, in reference to a death investigation. A security officer noticed a strong odor coming from a storage area on the 17th floor. The security officer notified a maintenance worker and both checked the storage area. They discovered the decomposing body of a white male.

The body was identified as that of 56 year old Carl Dobson, who was a resident of Lincoln Towers. His death was ruled a homicide.

If you have any information about this **Murder** or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

November 27, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information on an **Unsolved Murder** from 1981.

Just before midnight on the 6th of September, 1981, a Springfield Police Officer, on routine patrol, located a blue 1976 Dodge Station Wagon with wood grain panels, parked in the 2900 block of Normandy Road. The car was on the east side of the street, facing northbound.

The murdered body of a white female was found inside. The victim was identified as 25 year old **Jean Cohn**. Due to new DNA technology, this case has been reopened. Recently collected DNA samples are currently at the crime lab.

If you have any information about this **Murder** or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous

December 4, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information regarding **Construction Site Thefts** in Sangamon and Menard Counties.

Every year thousands of dollars in tools, electrical, and other equipment is stolen from area construction sites. Many of the stolen tools are engraved with identifying marks specific to the builder or construction company.

If someone approaches you to purchase tools which you think may be stolen report it to **CrimeStoppers** or your local police. One arrest often times results in the clearing of several other cases. Please take the time to call.

If you have any information about these **Thefts** or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

December 11, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information on an **Armed Robbery** that occurred in the area of 15th and Adams in Springfield.

On November 28th at 8 P.M., the female victim stopped to ask two black males, who were on bicycles, for directions. As the conversation about the directions continued, one of the males made it to the passenger side of the victim's car. The male opened the passenger door and grabbed the victim's purse from the seat. As the victim fought for the purse the male on the driver's side grabbed for her necklace and struck her with a hand gun. The victim's purse was taken and both black males fled the area.

If you have any information about this Armed Robbery or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

December 18, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information about two **Burglaries** to vehicles that occurred at the Progressive Electric Shop in **Glenarm**.

Between the 7th and 8th of November two Progressive Electric vans were broken into. One of the vans was entered by breaking out a door window. The other was entered by breaking out a vent wing window. Items taken include a Black & Decker roto hammer, two DeWalt battery drills, two Porta Cable sazalls, two DeWalt hammer drills, two Bey angle drills, along with various Greenly electronics equipment. A light blue **Blazer** may be involved.

If you have any information about these **Burglaries** or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. **CrimeStoppers** pays cash rewards up to **\$1000** for information resulting in the arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

December 25, 2000

This week **CrimeStoppers** is seeking information on an **Armed Robbery** that occurred at the House of Music, located at 222 North Grand Avenue East.

On December 19th, at approximately 6:50 p.m., a black male entered the House of Music through the main north entrance door. He walked to the counter and stated "Give me the money" while holding a blue steel automatic gun in his left hand. The robber punched a 60 year old employee, knocking him down, after the employee attempted to

disarm the robber. The robber fled the store east bound while carrying the stolen currency in his right hand.

If you have any information about this Armed Robbery or any other serious crimes, please call **CrimeStoppers** at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288.

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