

# CRIME PERS

*Catch a Criminal - Get a Reward*

*Sangamon/Menard Counties*

## **Archives - 2003**

### **Crime of the Week - January 06, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about an aggravated battery that occurred in Chatham.

In the late evening hours on Monday November 25th a male resident in the 600 block of Hackberry was beaten with a baseball bat as he attempted to get into the front door of his home. The attacker had been hiding in the bushes and was wearing blue jeans, a blue jean jacket, and a ski mask. He was described as being between 5'8" to 5'10" tall with a medium build. The attacker fled in a Blazer or GMC Jimmy described as being 1997 or newer. The victim suffered severe injuries to his head.

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

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### **Crime of the Week - January 13th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about an armed robbery.

Shortly after 7 a.m. on Saturday January 4th a black male entered the Big Foot Store at Mac Arthur and South Grand. He told the employee to give him all the money and not to make him shoot her. He kept his right hand inside his jacket pocket implying that he had a gun. After receiving money he fled on foot south bound from the store. He was last seen wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark brown pants. Below is an actual surveillance photo of the suspect.

Suspect is described as:

Black Male  
20-30 Years Old  
5'10" to 6' Tall  
Thin Build  
Dark Brown Pants  
Black Shoes  
Grey Zip-Up Hooded Sweatshirt



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#### **Crime of the Week - January 20, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about burglaries in the downtown area of Springfield.

From the first to the eighth of January five businesses have been burglarized. The businesses are Dempsey's tavern at 225 East Monroe, Two Olives and a Pepper at the Vinegar Hill Mall, Amdiamo Coffee Shop at 206 South 6th, Smokey's Den Tavern at 411 East Washington, and the Chinese Kitchen Restaurant located at 608 South 9th. In most of the cases entry was gained by breaking out glass with a brick. In all of the cases the cash register was the targeted item.

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

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#### **Crime of the Week - January 27th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a theft that occurred at the State Fair Grounds.

On Sunday January 12th at approximately 2:30 p.m. a black full-length mink coat was stolen from the Orr Building during Inaugural Ceremonies for Governor Elect Blagojevich. The coat has fold back cuffs, a detachable hood with black fox fur trim and a large button on the left shoulder. The inside lining is made of a satin type material with the name STAPLES embroidered in purple. Anyone having any video from this event is encouraged to call.

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

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### **Crime of the Week - February 3rd, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a sexual assault.

On Sunday December 1st at approximately 8:00 p.m. a female teacher was attacked outside of Ball Charter School at 2530 East Ash and forced into the boiler room. During the assault the attacker informed the victim that he had a gun and has raped before. The attacker is a black male, late teens to early 20's, approximately 5'5", medium build with medium skin tone and very clean-shaven. In addition to a Crime Stopper's reward, the Springfield Ball Charter School Board has offered an additional \$500.00 reward.

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

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### **Crime of the Week - February 10th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a burglary that occurred at CILCO.

Sometime between Wednesday the 29th and Thursday the 30th of January CILCO at 825 North Mac Arthur was burglarized. Entry was gained through an east side window. Items taken include a digital and an infrared camera, welder, lap top computer, digital voltmeter, hydraulic crimper, generator, rechargeable drill, chainsaw, and a bag of assorted electrical hand tools. A white 1995 Olds Cutlass 4-door was also stolen and probably was used to haul the stolen merchandise. It was recovered in the 3100 block of Hazlet Road.

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### **Crime of the Week - February 17th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about an armed robbery that occurred in Southern View.

On Tuesday January 21st, at about 9:40 p.m., a black male robbed the Walgreen's Drug Store at 2945 South 6th Street. He approached the cash register with his left hand in his coat pocket indicating that he had a gun. The cashier complied when ordered to put the money in a bag. The robber then fled the store on foot. He is described as being about 40 years old with a dark complexion and no facial hair. He was last seen wearing a ¾ length dark blue coat, charcoal trousers, white tennis shoes, black stocking cap, and black sunglasses.

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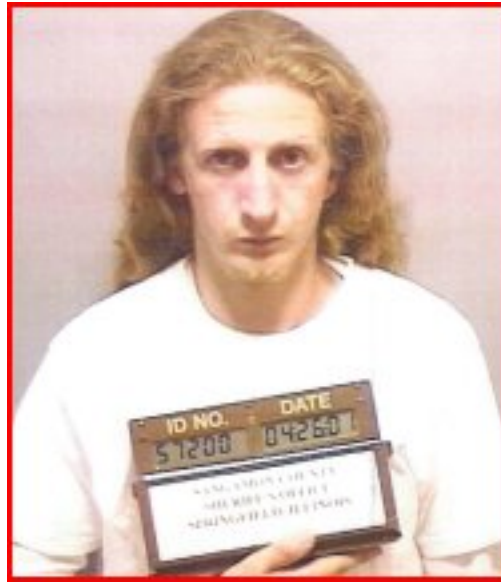
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### **Crime of the Week - February 24th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a fugitive.

Mark Stone is wanted for unlawful use of a weapon by a convicted felon, aggravated fleeing and eluding and two counts of theft. He allegedly led Sangamon County Deputies on a high-speed chase through streets, people's yards, and fields. He briefly stopped at a trailer park in the 4200 block of Old U.S. 36 where he let a female passenger and an 8-month old baby out of his vehicle. The female handed over a handgun to deputies that Stone had allegedly given her. The gun was reported as being stolen from a burglary.

#### **Mark Stone - 5' 11', 130 lbs.. Blonde Hair, Blue Eyes**



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### **Crime of the Week - March 3rd, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about an attempted murder.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on Sunday January 12th three black males with their faces partially covered approached the rear south side door of a residence in the 2000 block of East Stuart. The resident struggled with the three as they attempted to enter his home. After forcing entry into the house one of the three who was armed with a handgun shot the 44 year-old resident twice leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. After taking money from the victim the three fled south bound from the residence on foot. They are believed to be in their late teens to early twenties.

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

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### **Crime of the Week - March 10th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a theft.

Between Wednesday the 19th and Thursday the 20th of February four eight spoke chrome wheels were stolen off a 2003 Buick LeSabre that was parked in the lot of Giuffre Buick. The wheels were mounted with Michelin tires. It appears that a jack was used to raise the car in order for the wheels and tires to be removed. The car was left resting on two small spare tires. The 2003 Buick LeSabre has an all black grill and these wheels are unique to this car.



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

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### **Crime of the Week - March 17th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about illegal cable T.V. hook ups.

Cable theft, known legally as theft of services, is the illegal interception of cable programming services without authorization or payment to the cable company. It occurs when someone knowingly and intentionally makes an illegal physical connection for the purpose of receiving cable service in their home or business. Average overall percentages of theft exceed 11% for basic and 9% for premium service. Cable theft affects the quality of your service by weakening the signal and raising your rates.

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

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### **Crime of the Week - March 24th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a fugitive.

Maurice Cooper is wanted on a number of charges with the most serious being armed violence. On May 9th, 2002 he was in the 900 block of South 16th street when officers allegedly found him in possession of crack cocaine and a semi automatic pistol. Armed violence can be charged if a felony offense is committed while in possession of a weapon. Cooper is also wanted for obstructing justice, possession of cannabis, and a driving offense. He is a 23 year-old black male, 5'10" 170 lbs.



coffee filters and stripped batteries. Fuel and solvent cans with holes punched in the bottom are indicators as well.

If you have any information about meth labs, or any other serious crimes, please call CRIME STOPPERS at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. CRIME STOPPERS pays cash rewards up to \$1000 that leads to an arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

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### **Crime of the Week - April 21st, 2003**

CRIME STOPPERS is seeking information about Thefts from Construction Sites that have occurred in Sangamon & Menard Counties.

Each year thousands of dollars in tools, electrical, and other equipment are stolen from area construction sites. Many of the tools are engraved with identifying marks specific to the builder or Construction Company. If someone approaches you to purchase tools that you think may be stolen, report the information to CRIME STOPPERS. One arrest can often solve several cases resulting in the recovery of large amounts of stolen property.

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### **Crime of the Week - April 28th, 2003**

CRIME STOPPERS is seeking information about Criminal Damage to Property and Damage to Vehicles that occurred in the Leland Grove area.

During the early morning hours of Saturday, March 1st, numerous lamp posts, a rear car window and house siding were damaged on Greenbriar, W. Ash, Wiggins and Cherry Streets. Unknown persons used reflector posts, PVC pipe and road cones to damage the property. On March 29th, homes on Huntleigh were vandalized in the same manner.

If you have any information about these thefts, or any other serious crimes, please call CRIME STOPPERS at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. CRIME STOPPERS pays cash rewards up to \$1000 that leads to an arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

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### **Crime of the Week - May 5th, 2003**

CRIME STOPPERS is seeking information about an Armed Robbery that occurred at Speedway Gas located at 2641 W. Monroe in Springfield.

On Thursday, April 10th at about 12:25 a.m. two males, one of them armed with a handgun, ordered a female employee to open the safe and give them the money, and demanded money from the cash register. Suspect one, a b/m, is in his early 20's, 5' 5", with a thin build and was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt made of shiny material. Suspect two, who was armed, was also 5'5" with a thin build.

If you have any information about this Armed Robbery, or any other serious crimes, please call CRIME STOPPERS at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. CRIME STOPPERS pays cash rewards up to \$1000 that leads to an arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

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### **Crime of the Week - May 12th, 2003**

CRIME STOPPERS is seeking information about a Home Invasion that occurred at 3 Candlelight Drive, Apt. # 2.

On Tuesday, April 1st at 1:30 p.m. two black males went to this apartment looking for an acquaintance. After finding out the subject was not home, the two pulled chrome revolvers on the occupant, and ordered him to the floor. The suspects then stole video game equipment, CD's and cash. Suspect one is a b/m, 6'01", and 150. Suspect two, also a b/m is 5'08", 240 and described as very muscular with a "Chinese" tattoo on his right arm. Both are in their 20's and one was referred to as "Punchy".

If you have any information about this Home Invasion, or any other serious crimes, please call CRIME STOPPERS at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. CRIME STOPPERS pays cash rewards up to \$1000 that leads to an arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

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### **Crime of the Week - May 19th, 2003**

CRIME STOPPERS is seeking information about Commercial Burglary and Theft that occurred at the Family Dollar Store located on East Sangamon Street in Petersburg.

Sometime after midnight, Saturday, April 19th, unknown subjects entered the store after breaking out a front window. Once inside, a large amount of cold medicine and the store safe were stolen.

If you have any information about this Burglary and Theft, or any other serious crimes, please call CRIME STOPPERS at (217) 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. CRIME STOPPERS pays cash rewards up to \$1000 that leads to an arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

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### **Crime of the Week - May 26th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information regarding indoor and outdoor marijuana growing operations.

June kicks off "Operation Cash Crop", a cooperative federal, state, and local law enforcement effort to combat illegal marijuana grows. Marijuana fields are often bordered and disguised by corn crops.

Please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288 with information about illegal marijuana crops, drug dealers, wanted fugitives or other serious crimes and get a cash reward up to \$1,000.00 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - June 2nd, 2003**

This week CRIME STOPPERS is seeking information about a Home Invasion and Aggravated Battery that occurred in the 700 Block of West Edwards.

On May 1st at 2:10 a.m. "banging" was heard at the rear door. As the victim entered the kitchen he saw a white male and two black males kicking down the door. One suspect struck the victim on the left side of the face with a pistol and then on the top of his head after the victim had crouched down. The victim pushed the suspect away and while fleeing heard the words -- "Shoot him - Shoot him!" The suspects

were 17-21 years old, 6' tall and were all wearing gray hooded sweatshirts.

If you have any information about this Home Invasion, or any other serious crime, please call CRIME STOPPERS at 788-8427 and get a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest. An additional \$5000 reward is being offered for this crime by the victim's family.

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### **Crime of the Week - June 9th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about Illegal Solicitation Operations in Sangamon & Menard Counties.

In April the Southern View Police Department filed a Financial Exploitation of the Elderly and Disabled report against a Michigan company, World Wide Circulation Inc. An 85 year-old victim was pressured into writing a check for nearly \$200 for magazines she could not afford. Sales persons also failed to notify and register with local authorities that they were in the area.

If you have any information about this or any other serious crime, please call CRIME STOPPERS at 788-8427. You remain completely anonymous and can get a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - June 16th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a Burglary and Theft that occurred at Bert's Service Station located at 200 E. Hargrave in Athens.

On Friday, May 30th at 4:50 a.m., unknown suspects broke into the station and removed Instant Lottery tickets and 90 cartons of cigarettes. An hour earlier, an attempted break-in had occurred in nearby Greenview. The Illinois State Police gathered physical evidence at the crime scene and police need your help to identify the suspects.

If you have any information about this burglary or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - June 23rd, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a Burglary and Theft that occurred in the 600 Block of Bryn Mawr.

On Wednesday, May 14th between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., two apartments at the same location were burglarized. Taken was a Sanyo VCR and loose change. A black, 2000 " Harley - Wide Glide " motorcycle valued at \$16,000 was stolen from an unattached garage.

If you have any information about this burglary or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest. Remember - Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your name!

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### **Crime of the Week - June 30th, 2003**

Crime Stoppers is seeking information about guns being used illegally within Sangamon and Menard Counties.

The Stop Gun Violence Reward Program is designed to help reduce gun related crimes. If you have information about guns being used or carried illegally in a public place, you are encouraged to report the information to Crime Stoppers. If the information leads to an arrest and to the recovery of a gun you can receive a guaranteed \$250.00 cash reward.

If you have any information about illegally carried guns, or any other serious crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest. Remember - Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your name!

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### **Crime of the Week - July 7th, 2003**

Crime Stoppers "We Nail Thieves" Program needs your help in identifying persons responsible for thefts at construction sites.

Every year thousands of dollars in tools, electrical, and other equipment are stolen from area construction sites. Many of the tools are engraved with identifying marks specific to the builder or construction company. If someone approaches you to purchase tools that you think may be stolen, report the information to Crime Stoppers or your local police. One arrest can often solve several cases resulting in the recovery of large amounts of stolen property.

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### **Crime of the Week - July 14th, 2003**

Crime Stoppers is seeking information about Meth labs in Sangamon and Menard Counties.

Making meth is extremely dangerous and involves flammable substances that often times result in an explosion and fire. The following are indicators that a meth lab may be in operation. Unusual chemical odors such as ether or starter fluid & anhydrous ammonia, large amounts of empty packages of cold medications, used coffee filters, and stripped batteries. Fuel and solvent cans with holes punched in the bottom are indicators as well.

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### **Crime of the Week - July 28th, 2003**

Crime Stoppers is seeking information about illegal dumping in Sangamon and Menard Counties.

Fly-Dumping or Open Dumping is the practice of discarding refuse in other than designated dumping sites. It's a crime that is punishable by a \$500.00 fine. The Sangamon County Health Department receives numerous complaints of dumping every year. If you see someone dumping trash attempt to get a vehicle license number or description of the vehicle or person involved. If you need trash hauled away please hire a licensed waste hauler who will responsibly dispose of your trash.

If you have any information about illegal dumping, or any other serious crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards up to \$1,000.00 for information resulting in an arrest and you remain completely anonymous.

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### **Crime of the Week - August 4th, 2003**

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### **Crime of the Week - August 18th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about Murders that have occurred recently in the City of Springfield and in Sangamon County.

We need your help to identify the suspects responsible for the murders of Sandy Drennan and Kimberly Kendall. Drennan was found in the lake near Iron Bridge Road. Kendall was found on Hambuch Road north of Auburn. Information is also needed about suspects responsible for the deaths in Springfield of Chris Pudschun, Shameka Wright and Jared Womack.

If you have any information about these Murders or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or toll free 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - August 25th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about an Armed Robbery at the Concord Custom Cleaners, 128 S. Grand Ave. West.

On July 29th at 11:30 a.m. an armed black male forced the female clerk to open the cash register, where he removed cash and fled on foot.

The suspect is 6'00" tall, heavy build, deep raspy voice, wearing a red shirt with white lettering, blue shorts with a white rag covering his face.

If you have any information about this armed robbery or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest. Remember, crime never pays, Crime Stoppers does!

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### **Crime of the Week - September 1st, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a Bank Robbery at Bank One, 210 North Grand Ave. West in Springfield.

On August 21st. at 3:20 p.m. a white male entered the bank, approached two different female tellers, threatened to harm them and demanded money. He then left on foot. A weapon was implied but not displayed.

The suspect is 6'00" tall, 220 lbs., short brown hair, blue eyes, wearing a light blue short sleeved shirt, blue jeans, white tennis shoes, with a white rag covering his face.

If you have any information about this bank robbery, wanted fugitives, drug dealers or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest. Remember, crime doesn't pay, Crime Stoppers does!

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### **Crime of the Week - September 8th , 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a Construction Theft that occurred along Route 29 at Braner Road, just outside of Rochester, Illinois.

On August 21st, sometime overnight, unknown persons removed survey equipment belonging to United Contractors Midwest Construction Company from a highway construction site. The stolen items, consisting of a G.P.S. FM receiver and 2 survey tripods, are used with ground positioning satellites to locate survey sites.

If you have any information about this Construction Thefts, wanted fugitives, drug dealers or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest. Remember, crime doesn't pay, Crime Stoppers does!

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### **Crime of the Week - September 15th , 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about an Aggravated Robbery that occurred at the Amoco gas station, 3261 Clear Lake Ave.

On September 7th, a white male entered the store, implied he had a weapon while keeping his right hand in the waistband of his pants and demanded money from the clerk. The suspect took the proceeds of both cash registers and fled on foot in an unknown direction.

The suspect is described as being in his thirties, 5'06" tall, weighing 220 lbs., wearing a tan short-sleeved shirt, light blue jean shorts, and dirty white tennis shoes. He had his face covered with a pillowcase with eyeholes cut out.

If you have any information about this Robbery, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - September 22nd, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about Burglaries and Thefts from motor vehicles.

On September 14th, between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. unknown persons entered FOUR vehicles that had been left unlocked, and were parked on the street in front of their owners' homes in the North Gate area.

The following stereo equipment was removed from the vehicles: AIWA, Alpine, Jensen, and Pioneer in-dash AM-FM CD players, a Pioneer 800 watt amplifier, and a large assortment of CDs. The stolen stereo equipment is valued at several thousand dollars.

If you have any information about these Burglaries or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - September 29th, 2003**

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about recent Commercial Burglaries in the downtown Springfield area.

During the night time hours of September 15th through the 19th, several Burglaries and Attempted Burglaries have occurred. Unknown persons attempted to make, or made entry to each location by prying on the front door and forcing it open.

Thousands of dollars worth of tools were taken from two buildings being renovated. Another store had a cash register damaged with cash stolen. In some instances the suspects were scared away by the businesses' burglar alarms. Hundreds of dollars worth of damage was caused to each business during the break-ins.

If you have any information about these Burglaries or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - October 6, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about an Armed Robbery of the Home Town Pantry, 201 South Grand Ave. West.

Shortly before midnight, September 28th a black male armed with a revolver, entered the convenience store. While holding the employees at gunpoint, the suspect demanded one employee give him the money from the cash register as he forced the other employee to put several cartons of cigarettes into a grocery bag. After leaving the store with cash and cigarettes, the suspect fired a single shot into the air.

The suspect is described as 6'03" tall, 220 lbs., wearing all dark clothing, with dark panty hose over his head.

If you have any information about this Armed Robbery or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - October 13th, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a Burglary at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, 6040 S. 6th St. Rd.

On October 3rd, unknown persons made entry to the building by prying open the Southeast employee door. Several offices were entered, with computers, televisions and cameras stolen. After a spare key was located, a company van was also taken, driven for 40 miles, and then returned. It is thought the burglars may have used the van to haul away the stolen items.

The estimated loss in electronic equipment is valued at \$50,000 - \$60,000.

If you have any information about this Burglary or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - October 20, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about two Arson Fires at Buckley Enterprises, 416 S. Meadowbrook Rd.

The first fire, which caused minor damage, was set on July 23rd in a stack of cardboard boxes being stored in a metal building. A second fire was set on July 24th, in a different stack of cardboard boxes that was being stored in the main greenhouse. This fire quickly spread to nearby combustible materials and burned out of control for several hours. The fire was finally put out, but not before well over \$1,000,000 worth of greenhouses, offices and plant stock were destroyed.

If you have any information about this Arson or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - October 27, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking information about the Robbery of a person at 2777 S. 6th Street.

On October 8th, a male robbed a female in the Jewel/Osco parking lot. While the female was talking to another person, the suspect came up behind the victim and grabbed her purse. After a brief struggle, the suspect punched the victim in the face and took her purse.

The suspect, who was scared off by store employees, dropped the purse as he ran from the area. He is described as white, 5'10", 175 lbs., blonde hair, wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt, and dark pants.

If you have any information about this Robbery or any other serious crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288. You remain completely anonymous and can receive a cash reward up to \$1000 for information that results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - November 3, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

With the holidays and holiday shopping season quickly approaching, so is the Armed Robbery season. Criminals will be on the lookout for businesses and shoppers who are unprepared, and have not taken the necessary precautions to protect themselves from crime.

Be aware of your surroundings and of any suspicious persons or activities in the area. Avoid shopping alone, or parking in dark or isolated areas. If you observe suspicious persons or activities, take note of their physical description, vehicle description with license plate number and call your local police as soon as possible.

Please, don't become a victim, have a safe and happy holiday shopping season. If you have any information about Armed Robberies, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288 and get a cash reward up to \$1000 if your information results in an arrest

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### **Crime of the Week - November 10, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a Burglary that occurred at Curry Ice & Coal, 3600 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

On October 11th, unknown persons made entry to the business through an East side second floor window. Once inside the shop area, the suspects stole numerous hand and electrical tools that belonged to the company. Additionally, several of the employee's toolboxes were pried open with what appeared to be a crow bar. Thousands of dollars worth of very high quality tools were taken. The total estimated loss is valued at over \$84,000.00.

Curry Ice & Coal is offering a \$5,000.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for this burglary

If you have any information about Burglaries, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288 and get a cash reward up to \$1000 if your information results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - November 17, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a Burglary that occurred at United Contractors Midwest, 3151 Robbins Road.

On October 18th, while the business was closed, unknown persons made entry by prying open an exterior security door.

Once inside the building, several offices and cubicles were entered and numerous laptop computers, as well as personal computers worth thousands of dollars, were stolen.

It appears the suspects had knowledge of the business' security procedures and which doors allowed access to the entire building. The total loss is valued at over \$10,000.00.

United Contractors Midwest is offering a \$500.00 reward for the arrest of the persons responsible for this burglary.

If you have any information about Burglaries, please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288 and get a cash reward up to \$1000 if your information results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - December 15, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

Crime Stoppers is seeking information about a Burglary that occurred at the Lake Springfield Beach House, located at 101 Long Bay.

On October 20th, while the business was closed, unknown persons made entry to the beach house by unlocking the rear beach side upper level gate and exterior door.

Once inside the building, the beach house office door was kicked open, damaging the frame and a safe was entered by unlocking it with a key. A light brown metal lock box containing \$125.00 cash was removed from the safe. A soda machine was also damaged, but not entered.

Please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288 if you have any information about this Burglary and get a cash reward up to \$1000 if your information results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - December 22, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

Crime Stoppers is seeking information about an Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault that occurred at 1004 N. 8th St.

On September 27th at approximately 12:30 p.m., a black male abducted a 12 year old female who was looking for her lost dog, as she walked in the 1000 block of North 8th St. The suspect dragged the victim into an abandoned garage at 1004 N. 8th St. where he sexually assaulted her.

The suspect is described as a black male with a long scar on his left jaw, short black hair with a "widow's peak", wearing a black shirt and gray pants.

Please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288 if you have any information about this Sexual Assault and get a cash reward up to \$1000 if your information results in an arrest.

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### **Crime of the Week - December 29, 2003**

Hi, I'm Officer Keith Ushman, Crime Stoppers Coordinator for Sangamon-Menard Counties.

Crime Stoppers is seeking information about an Aggravated Robbery that occurred at the Clark gas station, 913 N. Dirksen Parkway.

On December 1st at 8:40 p.m., a white male in his 30's entered the station and demanded, "Gimme your money fast; I got a gun", as he kept his right hand in his jacket pocket.

After the attendant opened the cash register and started handing money to the suspect, the suspect reached into the cash drawer and removed the remaining cash before leaving the store.

The suspect is 5'9", 175 lbs., dark hair, wearing a dark ball cap, black leather jacket, and blue jeans.

Please call Crime Stoppers at 788-8427 or 1-800-397-2288 if you have any information about this Robbery and get a cash reward up to \$1000 if your information results in an arrest.

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