

Calls to 528-CASH lead to arrests in 3 homicides

The month of May was another high-volume tips month for CrimeStoppers, which continues to be a vital tool in solving violent crimes and other felonies in Memphis and Shelby County.

The crimes solved included three homicides and a rash of robberies related to people attempting to sell cars and other items on Craig's List. A tipster identified the "ringleader" in those cases. The case was successfully made by detectives and two arrests were made, closing out several related crimes.

"We had another phenomenal month, thanks to citizens with information calling 528-CASH, our tips line," said E. Winslow (Buddy) Chapman, Director of CrimeStoppers.

"We worry about an increase of violent crime. The good news is that the number of crimes getting solved also is up. All our awards statistics were up during the month, and are up considerably for the year compared to 2015," he added.

May saw a total of 308 tips called in. Of those, 37 led to arrests and cash awards for the callers, resulting in 40 arrests and 29 felony cases cleared, plus nearly \$10,000 paid out in cash to the callers.