

REWARD ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Attendance: Jim Jerky, George Jungle Jr., Oliver North, Blue Jeans

Guests: Lt. Tom Katt, Sgt. Duncan Donuts

Staff: Ms. Egnog, Ray Oflight

Mr. North called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Mr. Jeans moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Jerky seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Oflight reported \$4,150 in unclaimed rewards from January. He said two of the unclaimed rewards were Texas Crime Stoppers cases at \$1,000 each. Mr. Oflight said he would put those two rewards right back in the bank for repayment.

The Case Cleared report was reviewed. Mr. North asked for particulars in case number 9, involving the robbery of exotic dancers. Sgt. Donuts said the suspect would follow the women after the club closed and accost them before they entered their homes. He said the average take in the robberies was a bit over \$3,000. He said there were more cases pending against this suspect, but we were paying on three cases he was already charged with.

Sgt. Donuts said the suspect was identified from surveillance tapes from the clubs. Mr. Jerky asked if the victims viewed moving tape. Sgt. Donuts said they showed them still frames from the tapes. Mr. North asked if the frames were kept on a computer disk. Sgt. Donuts said they were.

Ms. Egnog asked if it would be effective to get groups of business owners here to show them what we can offer in using surveillance tapes to identify suspects. Sgt. Donuts said it might be.

Mr. Oflight asked if there had been any publicity about case number 15, involving the murder of a woman in her apartment. Sgt. Donuts said there was very little.

Mr. North asked about case number 27, involving an arson case in which the caller's trailer house was burned to the ground. Mr. North wanted to know if the trailer house was burned in retaliation after the caller gave the tip on the original arson case. Sgt. Donuts said it was not, that it caught fire from the house in the arson case. He said the suspects had no knowledge of the informant.

Ms. Egnog asked about case number 17, involving the theft of eight horses from a stable in Northwest Houston. Sgt. Donuts said the thieves took the horses, a trailer, and some saddles and blankets. They were recovered when the thieves attempted to store them temporarily at another stable, where the owner became suspicious and called Crime Stoppers

Discussion turned to tracking cases cleared with the agencies working them, with the goal being to get more agencies working with Crime Stoppers. Sgt. Donuts said he would like to have a media presentation area where he could invite officers from the different agencies to present press conferences on their cases. He said we could make any video on the cases available to the press representatives attending the conference, giving them a ready-to-use package to take back to their stations. He said still shots could be taken from the video for the print media.

Lt. Katt said the Anywhere Police Department and its Media Relations department should be kept in the loop. Sgt. Donuts said we would involve them up front.

There being no further discussion on cases, Mr. Jeans moved to approve the Case Cleared report as presented. Mr. Jerky seconded, and the motion carried.

The monthly statistics were presented, showing 30 anonymous informants to be paid, 35 suspects arrested and charged, 45 felony police cases cleared, and recommended cash rewards of \$10,125. Mr. North said he liked the new format, which tracked school cases separately, and eliminated some needless categories.

Sgt. Donuts said no school cases were cleared in January. He said the school statistics sheet would break the cases down by school district on the back.

Mr. Jerky moved to approve payment of the recommended \$10,125 in cash rewards. Mr. Jungle seconded, and the motion carried.

Sgt. Donuts presented a list of reward prepayments totaling \$2,100. After a brief description of each case, Mr. Jungle moved to approve payment in the recommended amount of \$2,100. Mr. Jerky seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Jeans said that under new business, he wanted to recommend the arson fire at Western be shown as a Crime of the Week.

Sgt. Donuts recommended a press conference or press release to announce that Crime Stoppers had helped apprehend over 5,000 felony fugitives. Mr. North asked if the Anywhere Violent Offenders Task Force would be invited. Sgt. Donuts said he would like to include them, as well as representatives from the FBI and the Maricopa County Warrants Division. Ms. Egnog said she would set it up for the next Friday.

Mr. Oflight said he had prepared amendments to the Reward Standard Operating Procedures that had been presented briefly at the January meeting, but not officially voted on. He said the amendments involved the establishment of the Special

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Award, to be awarded to anyone who helped law enforcement reduce crime or apprehend a felony criminal in a special way that did not involve a call to Crime Stoppers.

Mr. Jeans moved to approve the amendments as presented. Mr. Jerky seconded, and the motion carried.

With no further business, Mr. North adjourned the meeting at 11:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Oflight, Administrative Director