

# Multi-County Crime Stoppers Newsletter - May 2021 Edition

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Welcome to the May 2021 newsletter of the Multi-County Crime Stoppers (MCCS) serving the Texas counties of Montgomery, Liberty, and San Jacinto. MCCS is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization comprised of volunteers working together with law enforcement and the media towards common goals: solving crimes and getting criminals and fugitives off the streets.

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The MCCS Board conducted the May 2021 meeting via Zoom. The Multi-County Crime Stoppers Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning at noon. Starting in June, we will start hosting both virtual and in-person meetings.

The next MCCS Board Meeting will be via Zoom on June 15, 2021. The in-person meeting will be in the conference room at Saddle River Range. For directions – [CLICK HERE](#).

If you would like to participate in the virtual meeting [CLICK HERE](#) and complete the E-mail Submission Form. Your contact information is needed for the meeting coordinator to send you a Zoom meeting invitation.

# annual conference

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on travel and the need for social distancing, the Texas Crime Stoppers' regularly scheduled conferences were postponed. Texas Crime Stoppers Conferences have now been scheduled!

**32nd Annual Texas Crime Stoppers Conference**  
**October 11-13, 2021**  
**South Padre Island, Texas**

Early check-in will be on Sunday, October 10, 2021.  
The conference will be hosted by Cameron County Crime Stoppers.  
Registration will open soon!

**26th Annual Texas Crime Stoppers Campus Conference**  
**February 7-9, 2022**  
**Beaumont, Texas**

Early check-in will be on Sunday, February 6, 2022.  
The conference will be hosted by Crime Stoppers of Southeast Texas.  
More details are coming soon!



The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit is responsible for all cold case investigations and assisting MCSO detectives, County and District Attorneys, and other law enforcement agencies within Montgomery County and the State of Texas. Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Cold Case detectives are progressive and forward-thinking, utilizing numerous resources, databases, county, state, and private laboratories.

Use this [LINK](#) to view cold cases on file with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. This webpage is updated periodically with new information when available.

## **MCTXSheriff Makes Arrest in 1983 Cold Case Murder**

**May 21, 2021**

On March 17, 1983, at about 3:00 am, a Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Deputy was on patrol in the 4000 block of IH-45 near League Line Road when he observed a fire burning in a wooded area to the east of his location. While investigating, the Deputy discovered the body of a white female that had been set aflame. An autopsy was later performed on the victim where it was learned she had been sexually assaulted, strangled, and traces of a male's DNA were found.

In May of 1986, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ran the victim's fingerprints which positively identified her as Laura Marie Purchase, a missing person from Houston, Texas. Read more...

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**Did you know...**



A recent article in The New York Times reported that the big increase in the murder rate in the United States in 2020 has carried over to 2021. A sample of 37 cities with data available for the first three months of this year shows murder up 18 percent relative to the same period last year.

In the midst of a volatile period in crime, keeping track of trends has become especially important so that the police and local officials can tailor prevention policies.

But as it happens, this year's national crime release will be the last of its kind as the F.B.I. transitions to a crime reporting system that will impact the public's ability to evaluate trends locally and nationally.

When crime goes up, and law enforcement resources are strained, communities need help from Crime Stoppers tips more than ever. [Click Here](#) to read the entire article.

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## COMMEND AN OFFICER

**Have you experienced or witnessed law enforcement going above and beyond their normal scope of duty?**

Everyone likes a pat on the back when they do a good job, and law enforcement officers are no exception. If you receive service from law enforcement in the Texas multi-county areas of Montgomery, Liberty, and San Jacinto counties, or observe law enforcement actions in these geographies that you feel are worthy of a commendation, **we would like to hear about it.**

As part of Back the Blue, and in conjunction with [KSTAR radio](#) and [Top Cop Shop](#), Multi-County Crimes Stoppers will select one officer from among the weekly submitted entries to receive a **\$50 gift certificate** to the Top Cop Shop, where the chosen officer can purchase equipment to help them in the performance of their job. Half of the gift certificate (\$25) is funded by MCCS, with matching funds (\$25) from the Top Cop Shop. The award announcement will be made on KSTAR radio.

Visit the MCCS website and complete [the form](#) to submit your recommendation for a commendation. **\*Please Note: This form is intended to address commendations related to law enforcement ONLY. If you have a comment about something other than a police officer's conduct worth of recognition, please contact your local agency.**

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In an effort to reduce the staggering number of animal cruelty cases and help law enforcement officials bring more of these criminals to justice, MCCA is working with the local task forces to offer reward money for information leading to the prosecution of animal abuse criminals. These cash rewards encourage people, who might otherwise be less inclined to speak up, to come forward with tips for investigators.

Multi-County Crime Stoppers offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest in felony animal cruelty and dogfighting cases. [Click here](#) to provide tip information or call 1-800-392-STOP (7867).

To learn more visit:

**[Texas Animal Cruelty Laws](#)**

**[Texas Penal Code for Dogfighting](#)**

## **MCTXSheriff Investigates Animal Cruelty, Makes Arrest**

On March 10, 2021, Deputies with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office responded to a "Cruelty to an Animal" call in the 15000 block of Queen Elizabeth Court in Montgomery. The responding Deputies learned that a family's Black Labrador Retriever dog was found injured from a gunshot wound in the owner's driveway. The owner said that just prior to finding the dog, he and a witness heard what they thought to be a gunshot nearby, and found the family's pet laying in the driveway shortly after. [Read more...](#)

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## TIP ACTIVITY

Since its inception, Montgomery County Crime Stoppers has had the following impact on our local community:

TIPS RECEIVED:	30,649
ARRESTS:	2,602
FUGITIVES CAPTURED:	940
APPROVED REWARDS:	\$806,928
PROPERTY RECOVERED:	\$7,617,830
DRUGS SEIZED:	\$10,043,804
<b>TOTAL RECOVERED:</b>	<b>\$17,806,334</b>



Featured Felons  
of the Week



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View Montgomery County Crime Stopper's current featured felons here. If you have any information about these crimes or any person(s) involved, you are urged to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-392-STOP (7867) or submit a Web Tip here. You do not have to give your name.

CRIME STOPPERS will pay a MINIMUM **\$500 CASH REWARD** for information leading to the arrest of any of our Weekly Featured Felons. You will remain anonymous. You must contact Crime Stoppers with information leading to the arrest of subjects before contacting Law Enforcement to be eligible for rewards.

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