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### Crime Stoppers Tasmania Media Release

Thursday 24 January 2019

### What drug dealers won't tell you

The media is invited to the North West Tasmanian Dob in a Dealer Campaign:

<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>Thursday 24 January, 2019</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Burnie Police Station (outside front entrance)</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>11:00 - 11:30am</b>
<b>Spokespersons:</b>	<b>Mr David Daniels, Chair, Crime Stoppers Tasmania Senator The Hon Richard Colbeck Burnie Deputy Mayor Giovanna Simpson Acting Inspector Richard Chugg, Tasmania Police Constable Kevin Smith will be in attendance with the drug detector dog</b>

Crime Stoppers Tasmania reveals the uncomfortable truths that drug dealers won't share.

With cannabis and methamphetamines remaining the most prevalent illicit drugs in Tasmania, a recent survey of 100 illicit drug users in Tasmania indicates that one in three users identifies methamphetamines (ice) as their drug of choice\*.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair David Daniels said that drug dealers are focused on their own self-interest through their illegal activities.

"The painful reality is that drug dealers make a living from creating misery in the lives of others," Mr Daniels said.

The national Crime Stoppers Dob in a Dealer campaign aims at stopping Australia's supply chain of illicit drugs.

"Through Dob in a Dealer we're not asking you to dob in your mates. We're asking you to be a mate, and look after the welfare of friends and family.

"We are sharing the six things that drug dealers won't tell you, and we urge North West

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Tasmanians to report anonymously to Crime Stoppers and help save lives and communities,” said Mr Daniels.

### 1. Dealers use fillers

It is common knowledge that drug dealers ‘cut’ or mix in fillers to drugs. Drugs are sold by the amount, so when a dealer wants to make a bigger profit they simply mix drugs with a range of other substances to achieve more income. For powdered drugs, fillers are not easily detected to the naked eye. Fillers could include vitamins, laxatives, and even dewormers normally used to treat animals.

### 2. It’s profit over people

Drug dealers do what they do so they can make money. They are peddling in an illegal trade. They work hard to create a ‘supply and demand’ dynamic - and will do plenty to be your ‘friend’ in order to get the sale. That is until someone suddenly owes money to a dealer, and that friendly demeanour slips and becomes a far more violent association.

### 3. They don’t know what’s in the drugs

It might be hard to believe, but dealers don’t always know what’s in the drugs they are selling. Plenty of drug dealers are just a middle-man, and someone else, somewhere else, made the drugs. The drugs could have been traded a number of times, and unknown fillers added in along the way. When you buy drugs there’s no guarantee that they are what someone says they are, so it is an incredible risk when it comes to your health and wellbeing.

### 4. Pain caused is conveniently forgotten

Drug dealers operate in a world full of fear, hurt and pain. A drug dealer isn’t going to tell you about some of the desperate things addicts do to get their next fix, or the occasions where someone overdoses and dies as a result. It would be bad for business.

### 5. There’s never a ‘deal’

Whether someone likes it or not, drug dealers don’t play favourites. There’s not going to be a ‘special rate’ or deal on offer just because they happen to like someone. Like any other business, drug dealers make a profit by charging more for their product than what they paid for it. And what users can often find is that they need to resort to crime to fund their habit and get the money needed. All too often victims of drug users are family and friends.

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### 6. There's something you can do

Let's not kid ourselves about the damage that drug dealers continue to cause. Sitting back and watching drug dealers destroy the lives of the people you care about should not be an option.

The police statistics show offenders charged for selling/trafficking drugs in North West Tasmania has not changed much at 178 in 2017/18 compared to the previous year at 176. However, this number of arrests is still very high and suggests that there is still a lot of work to be done in reducing drug activity in the region.

"Crime Stoppers would like those who care about their North West community to rally together and make a determined effort to remove the supply of illicit drugs by dobbing in a dealer today," Mr Daniels added.

If you have any information about someone who is manufacturing or dealing drugs, you can call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au). Remember, you are able to pass on information anonymously and rewards are available for information that leads to an arrest.

Crime Stoppers is a trusted, independent link between police and the community. We do not have call display or call trace on any of our telephones, and we do not record any calls or log an IP address if it is an online report.

You are under no obligation to share any personal details, and information you provide can be nothing more than a suspicion. Even the smallest piece of information can make all the difference.

The Dob in a Dealer campaign is a nation-wide program funded by the Federal Government seeking to stop Australia's supply of illicit drugs such as methamphetamine (ice), ecstasy and cannabis.

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\* Tasmanian Drug Trends 2017. Findings from the Illicit Drug Reporting System (IDRS). Australian Drug Trends Series No. 185. Sydney, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University of New South Wales. Bruno, R., Lusk, B & De Angelis, O. (2018).

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