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Crime Stoppers Tasmania Media Release

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Northern Tasmania campaign deals blow to local drug dealers

The media is invited to the Tasmanian launch of the national Dob in a Dealer Campaign.

WHEN:	Monday 26 November, 2018
WHERE:	Launceston Mall
TIME:	11:00 - 11:30am
Spokesperson:	Mrs Lynn Mason, Deputy Chair, Crime Stoppers
	Tasmania and a Tasmania Police representative

Launceston residents are being asked to help Crime Stoppers Tasmania and Tasmania Police to disrupt the manufacture and supply of drugs in the local area by reporting anything they know about drug-dealing offences.

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

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair, David Daniels said that public support will help police arrest those responsible for the manufacture and supply of these drugs and reduce the negative impacts on the Launceston community.

"Criminal drug related activity is not only costing millions of dollars in healthcare and law enforcement, but it is tragically and unnecessarily costing human lives," Mr Daniels said.

"In Northern Tasmania, the last Dob in a Dealer campaign saw a fourfold increase in information reports received by Crime Stoppers Tasmania concerning drug related activity during the campaign in July 2016.

"It is our hope that this campaign might again provide Tasmanian Police with a similar increase in information leading to a reduction in supply and thereby making our community safer," said Mr Daniels

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Deputy Chair, Lynn Mason said that informing on those dealing in drugs is really about saving lives.

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DOBIN ADEALER Your community. Your call.

"Dob in a Dealer is about being a true mate and looking after the welfare of your friends, family and the community by reporting to Crime Stoppers anything you have seen or heard that could relate to the import, manufacture or supply of illicit drugs," said Mrs Mason.

"You don't need to have the complete story. Remember that your small piece of information could be the missing piece of the bigger puzzle", Mrs Mason added.

It is important to note that the campaign is not about targeting users of illicit drugs. Crime Stoppers Tasmania asks that the community support those affected by drug use and encourage them to seek the appropriate professional help such as Family Drug Help on 1300 660 068, Youth Support and Advocacy Service on 1800 014 446, Salvation Army Bridge Centre on 1800 888 236, City Mission on 6391 8013 or Lifeline 13 11 14.

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. Remember, you are able to pass on information anonymously.

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Crime Stoppers plays an integral part in supporting safer communities across Australia. It is a state based not-for-profit organisation partnering with law enforcement, the media and local communities to create awareness of criminal issues. Information collected by Crime Stoppers is passed on to law enforcement agencies anonymously to help solve and prevent crime and keep Australian communities and families safe.

If you have information about someone in your community who is manufacturing or supplying drugs or any other criminal activities, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report securely online at www.crimestoppers.com.au.

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