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## **Significant Police drug intel from Crime Stoppers Shine a light on crime and drug dealers this Crime Stoppers Week**

**Crime Stoppers Tasmania’s tips relating to illicit drugs provide valuable information to Tasmania Police, with significant police intelligence coming from Crime Stoppers.**

As Crime Stoppers Week launches this year, Tasmanians are encouraged to remember the value their tip can have when they choose to shine a light on crime.

The focus for this year’s Crime Stoppers Week is illicit drugs and their entry points into our communities. Individuals can make a difference in fighting this serious crime and making their communities safer.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair, Mr David Daniels OAM says, “We all have a part to play in securing community safety, which can be achieved in some instances by simply reporting information on crime”.

“Most illicit drugs enter the State via sea, air, and mail. Police do an amazing job stopping drugs coming into the State, but there is more that can be done to support their great work. That’s where Crime Stoppers comes in.”

“Without divulging details, tips to Crime Stoppers have provided key information in a number of drug busts over the last 12 months. People can make a difference by contacting us, and they can be assured that their anonymity will be protected. We have also paid rewards to people, without even knowing who they are”, said Mr Daniels.

The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission’s latest National Wastewater report shows that across Tasmania the use of ICE and cannabis has increased. Also, parts of the State have shown an increase in cocaine and heroin.

“Tasmanians have a role to play in reporting criminal activities and suspicious behaviour. Illicit drugs are a major concern and can have a devastating impact on families. Criminals don’t care. And drug dealers destroy lives.”

“Tasmanians can make their tip count by providing as much detail as they can when they contact Crime Stoppers. The more information provided, the better it will assist police investigations,” Mr Daniels said.

Tasmania Police Acting Assistant Commissioner Stuart Wilkinson said that Tasmania Police welcomed the opportunity to take part in Crime Stoppers Week, which aims to encourage and empower the community to report information relating to illicit drug, firearms and other crimes to Crime Stoppers.

“For those seeking to profit from selling harmful drugs to Tasmanians, know that we will target you and your activities in order to keep Tasmanians safe,” Acting Assistant Commissioner Wilkinson said.

“We work closely with Australia Post, airports and the Spirit of Tasmania and other partners to ensure that our sea, air and mail corridors are not exploited by those wanting to profit from drug distribution.

“We actively investigate any tip offs or intelligence and conduct our operations accordingly, and of course we monitor repeat offenders very closely. But we need the community’s help.”

Crime Stoppers Tasmania’s drive to encourage more details in tips is leading to better quality information being passed to police and providing better outcomes to investigations. Tips to Crime Stoppers go through a rigorous vetting process prior to being converted into intelligence reports for Police.

Crime Stoppers Week is designed to raise awareness about what everyone can do to combat criminal activity. Crime Stoppers Tasmania is central to this effort because intelligence provided by the community through Crime Stoppers is a powerful weapon for our Police.

If Tasmanians see or hear something that doesn’t seem right, we encourage them to speak up, but stay secret, by anonymously reporting what they know at [crimestopperstas.com.au](http://crimestopperstas.com.au) or by phoning 1800 333 000.

**Shine a light on crime and drug dealers this Crime Stoppers Week.**

**We just need your info, not your name!**

**Crime Stoppers on [crimestopperstas.com.au](http://crimestopperstas.com.au) or 1800 333 000**

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# Crime Stoppers Tasmania

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### Background - Crime Stoppers Tasmania

Crime Stoppers Tasmania operates as an independent non-profit, community organisation that supports crime solving through providing anonymous mechanisms for reporting crime. It is part of an international program that has been in existence for over forty years.

By offering anonymity and rewards (for information leading to charges being laid) Crime Stoppers combats the three major problems faced by the police in generating crime-solving information: fear of reprisal, apathy and reluctance to get involved.

For 28 years, Crime Stoppers Tasmanian has been the trusted voice for the community, providing an independent link between the public and Tasmania Police.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania offers people a safe and secure option to report information under the assurance of being completely anonymous, no identifying information is recorded or required.