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### Crime Stoppers Kaua'i joins P3 Tips App

LĪHU'E – Residents and visitors can now submit information anonymously through an easy-to-use Crime Stoppers' app called P3 Tips. Whenever someone has information on a crime, including assaults, child abuse, robbery or drug use, they can submit a completely anonymous tip that's forwarded to the Kaua'i Police Department without filing an official report.

"The app adds another method that people can use to report tips about any criminal activity they witness without fear of retaliation," said Investigative Services Bureau Captain Paul Applegate. "The P3 Tips App allows people to use their cell phones to submit information that's encrypted for privacy purposes. Users can even submit photos and videos that will further help our investigators solve crimes and make our community a safer place to live."

Visitors can also discreetly report crimes while on island, as the location setting on the app can be changed accordingly.

Crime Stoppers Kaua'i is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit which amped up its efforts in 2018 by incorporating and forming a board of directors so that more community members could feel comfortable reporting criminal activity by maintaining anonymity.

"The program started because kama'āina are frequently reluctant to come forward and report a crime, especially since this is such a small community where we all know each other," said Applegate. "This way, community members, as well as visitors to the island, can submit tips without identifying themselves and worrying about anyone finding out about it."



Download the P3 Tips App on an iOS or Android device and select your location. Follow the prompts and begin submitting tips by providing as many details of the crime as possible, such as type of illegal activity, location of activity, date and time of incident, and the description of a suspect and/or suspect's vehicle.

Crime Stoppers Kaua'i is made possible through an ongoing partnership between KPD, community members, Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce, Visitor Aloha Society of Kaua'i and the Department of Education in order to battle crime and make the community safe for kupuna, keiki, and all 'ohana on Kaua'i.

Anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers Kaua'i can also be made by calling 246-8300.

Tips made by phone or through the app that are valid and lead to an arrest can potentially amount to a monetary award. Visit [www.crimestopperskauai.org](http://www.crimestopperskauai.org) for more information.



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