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## CLEARWATER CITIZENS ENCOURAGED TO TEXT A TIP ABOUT CRIMES

**Clearwater, Fla.** – The Clearwater Police Department is partnering with Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County to receive anonymous text messages via cell phones. With the increased use of cellular technology and the “texting” trend, it is important for law enforcement to stay current and keep communications open with all citizens, including youths. The Campus Crime Stoppers Program provides students with an avenue to anonymously report crime on their schools campuses. Tips are sent directly to the School Resource Officers, so they can take immediate action and make school campuses safer. Clearwater’s School Resource Officers are assigned to Clearwater High, Countryside High and Oakgrove Middle School.

Criminal investigative supervisors will also be able to receive tips about serious crimes. “This enables police to get critical information in real time. We can react instantly and this will make our response time faster and more efficient,” said Criminal Investigations Division Captain Michael Sahr.

The person reporting the crime can remain anonymous. Just type in TIP144, followed by your tip information and send your text to CRIMES (274637). The technology allows investigators to reply back without compromising the tipster’s identity.

The “Text a Tip” feature is another avenue for police to get important information in a timely fashion. People can still call the police department directly or use the Clearwater Police Tip Line at 727-562-4422.

For more information about Campus Crime Stoppers visit: [www.crimestoppersofpinellas.org](http://www.crimestoppersofpinellas.org)  
Campus Crime Stoppers flyer attached.

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