



## VANDERBURGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Anonymous Text Tips – Tip411**

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office is excited to announce the availability of a completely anonymous system for leaving web based or text message tips with the Sheriff's Office.

Citizens can now **TEXT** the keyword **VCSSO** and a message to **847411** (TIP411) which will be anonymously delivered to the Sheriff's Office.

Additionally, there is now a link on the home page of [www.vanderburghsheriff.com](http://www.vanderburghsheriff.com) that will allow citizens to leave a completely anonymous web tip for the Sheriff's Office.

We know that there are many crimes that are solved with a single simple tip from a member of the community. We also know that there are many reasons why someone might not want to provide the information to law enforcement. Frequently it is the fear that their identity will be known. This system provides a person leaving a tip with the comfort of knowing their identity is completely unknown.

This system will also allow citizens to provide these critical tips to the Sheriff's Office using what is quickly becoming a preferred form of communication, text messaging and the internet. We will always take tips from the public in whatever format they present themselves; this just adds two more formats that also offer guaranteed anonymity.

When leaving a tip with this system, a member of the Sheriff's Office will be able to respond to the tip without knowing who the response is going to.

This is a new tool in our community's tool belt that will allow valuable information to flow to law enforcement. This is information that may not have been provided before because there was no convenient method or the fear of having your identity known.

We welcome tips related to any criminal activity or quality of life issue in our community. Even in cases where the information is not related to a Sheriff's Office specific issue, we will be able to forward the information on to the proper agency with the same degree of anonymity.

Please use this new tool to help us make the community a better and safer place for everyone.

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