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INTERNATIONAL**
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PREVENT CRIME - TOGETHER

The UKHTC supports the 29th Annual Crime Stoppers International Conference

The UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC) will be supporting the forthcoming Crime Stoppers International conference.

Grahame Maxwell, Programme Director of the UKHTC and Nick Kinsella, Head of the Centre will be attending the 29th annual conference, which takes place between 6 and 9 August in Iowa, America.

One of the major themes of the conference will be the trafficking of human beings.

Crime Stoppers International (CSI) is an aegis, non-political and non-agenda organisation for approximately 1,200 Crime Stoppers programs in 20 countries and world regions, including Europe, Canada, USA, Australia, India, South Africa, Bermuda, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Western Pacific. It is constantly expanding its efforts in global issues, which include tackling human trafficking.

As a result of good working relationships with the United Nations (with which CSI is an Non Government Organisation (NGO) with special status) and law enforcement agencies throughout the world, Crime Stoppers can make a positive contribution at a local, national and international level.

Crime Stoppers brings together the community, law enforcement and the media, to work at solving crime and bringing criminals to justice.

The community is responsible for forming a Crime Stoppers non-profit programme, whose members establish policy, determine amount and method of reward payments, work closely with law enforcement and the media and generally oversee the programme.

The media publicise Crime Stoppers on a regular basis through print, broadcast and web-based publications. Special attention is given to the bringing to justice of fugitives and those wanted by law enforcement agencies in connection with current crimes, cold cases, drugs activity, and gang-related violence especially where guns and knives are used.

Local law enforcement agencies process the anonymous information received through local Crime Stoppers programmes, and solve the crimes. In most regions, but not all, if the information leads to an arrest or other positive outcome, the caller may be paid a reward.

Michael Gordon-Gibson, Vice President of Crime Stoppers International said:
"With the theme of this year's conference focusing on the trafficking of human beings, a form of modern day slavery, we hope to further raise awareness amongst the Crime Stoppers programmes.

"The trafficking of humans for exploitation has been placed firmly on the national agenda in the UK and also internationally around the world. Criminal gangs are making vast profits out of human misery. Crime Stoppers International is proud to be able to help in whatever way it can to assist agencies world wide to combat this insidious global issue."

Amongst the organisations represented at the conference, in addition to the UKHTC, will be Interpol, the London Metropolitan Police, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the US Marshals Service.

The topics being discussed include media relations, building partnerships and fundraising. In addition, a survivor of human trafficking from the African state of Zambia, will talk about his experiences.

Head of the UKHTC, Nick Kinsella will be a guest speaker and will also be on a panel of experts who will discuss how to tackle human trafficking and how local Crime Stopper programmes can assist in the fight against this type of crime.

Nick added:

"Human trafficking is frequently a transnational crime that requires a co-ordinated response from law enforcement and its partners. Only by effective joint working can we most effectively disrupt the trafficker and safeguard victims.

"Crimestoppers within the UK is a key partner of the UKHTC, and we have previously worked together on several initiatives combating human trafficking. This conference will allow us to expand that co-operation internationally to continue in our efforts to combat this modern form of slavery."

Crimestoppers UK plays an important part in the global fight against many types of criminal activity and all cross border crimes. It is working effectively to bring numerous law enforcement and information entities together, with a common purpose – to make the world safer, through justice, for all people, everywhere.

Notes to editors

- Crimestoppers UK was founded by Lord Ashcroft, KCMG, Chairman of Trustees. In 1988, he launched Crimestoppers in the Metropolitan Police area. Crimestoppers is built on a three-way partnership between the business community, the police and the media.
- Crimestoppers in the UK is an independent charity dedicated to solving crimes and taking criminals off the streets. Around 17 people are arrested and charged every day as a result of information given to Crimestoppers. One person every five days is charged with murder.
- Since Crimestoppers began in the UK in 1988, it has received almost 1 million actionable calls, resulting in nearly 83,000 arrests and charges. Over £100 million worth of property has been recovered and over £144 million worth of drugs.