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Cayman Crime Stoppers appeals over Beach Bay death

Cayman Crime Stoppers has put out an official appeal for anybody with information about the death of Martin Joseph Gareau (aka Marty Gareau) in Bodden Town this week to come forward and call their tips line, 800 TIPS. The body of the Mr. Gareau, a 47 year-old Canadian, was found by work colleagues in a house in Sea Spray Drive off Beach Bay Road on the morning of Tuesday 20th May, when they went searching for him after he failed to turn up for work. The Royal Cayman Islands Police are treating this as a murder enquiry.

Detective Chief Inspector Robert Scotland of the Royal Cayman Islands Police (RCIP), who is also the RCIP Liaison Officer with Cayman Crime Stoppers, said, "The post-mortem showed that the man suffered multiple injuries to his head and body caused by sharp and blunt objects."

Cayman Crime Stoppers Chairman, Stuart Bostock, is appealing to members of the public to call the Cayman Crime Stoppers tips line now if they have any information regarding this incident. "The Cayman Crime Stoppers tips-line guarantees callers absolute anonymity", Mr. Bostock said. He continued, "Calls are answered by our call-centre in Miami and callers are never asked to disclose their details, so there is no way they can be traced." Cayman Crime Stoppers is able to offer a reward of up to \$1,000 for information which proves valuable in solving a crime, and callers are given a code by which they can identify themselves in order to claim, so they never have to disclose their identity.

The Cayman Crime Stoppers tips line is 800-TIPS (that is, 800 8477). Callers are asked to note that there is no '1' in front of this number.

Detective Chief Inspector Robert Scotland points out the value of information submitted via Crime Stoppers. "Over the past two months Cayman Crime Stoppers has seen a notable increase in the number of tips received via its tips line, which have yielded positive results", he said. This may be in no small part due to the programme's recent revitalization, which has so



far, entailed the appointment of a new board of directors, the adoption of a new visual identity, a high-profile golfing fund-raiser in June (which will be based around a staggering million-dollar prize-pot), and new plans, which involve a revamped website and new software to enhance the way tips are processed.

Mr. Scotland also remarks that, "What we have noticed to date is that nobody has come forward to claim a reward, even though much of the information received may have made its sources eligible for one. This suggests that, even though the claims procedure is as water-tight as the process for submitting tips in protecting callers' anonymity, many callers are actually motivated more by a sense of civic-mindedness than reward money, which says much about the moral fibre of most of our islands' citizens."

About Cayman Crime Stoppers

Cayman Crime Stoppers was formed in 1993 by the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce to provide a vital service, which helps protect the community from crime. Working in close partnership with the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS), the community and the media, it has become one of the most effective crime solving tools available to local law enforcement agencies. Cayman Crime Stoppers provides a safe and secure means for anybody with information about a crime to share it freely whilst protecting their identity. It could also earn them a reward of up to \$1,000.

Cayman Crime Stoppers is one of some 1200 Crime Stoppers programmes in 20 countries. Since its inception in the United States in 1976, Crime Stoppers has been responsible for over 700,000 arrests, over a million cleared cases, the recovery of nearly two billion dollars of property and drug seizures worth a staggering seven billion dollars. About 83 million dollars have been paid in rewards through Crime Stoppers Programmes across the globe.

Cayman Crime Stoppers is a non-profit civilian run organization and is also a recognized regional member of Crime Stoppers International. The board is community based consisting of civilian leaders within the Cayman Islands and one law enforcement coordinator who assists with the dissemination of information received by the Cayman Crime Stoppers anonymous call-center operated in Miami, Florida.