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NATURE OF INCIDENT: tip411 Update: Free apps for Android & I-phones now available

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Duluth Police Department
launches iPhone & Android Apps for crime tips

Do you want to help the Duluth Police Department fight crime? Now, there's an "app" for that!

Today, Duluth Police Chief Gordon Ramsay announced that the department has launched DPDTIP, an app for iPhone and android phones. The free apps allow citizens to send crime tips anonymously to the police department.

DPDTIP puts a powerful new crime fighting tool into the hands of our community members. "When citizens get involved and provide crime tips it helps keep our community safe," said Chief Ramsay, "Now the new phone apps make reporting tips even more convenient."

Community members with iPhones or Android phones are encouraged to install the app by visiting the Apple App Store or Google Play and search DPDTip. The apps are also found by searching for the name, Duluth Police Department.

In addition, Chief Ramsay would like to remind you of the two other ways to send anonymous tips.

Tips can be sent through texting on cellular phones by texting 847411 and then entering "DPDTip" as the keyword before entering their tip. Standard text rates apply.

Tips can be sent by logging onto the Police Department website and completing an online form. There is an icon on the homepage at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/police>

All three methods – the phone apps, texting, and the online form – are anonymous and the tips are sent directly to the Police Department. This allows police detectives to ask follow-up questions to tipsters, who remain anonymous.

It's important to remember that the new tip services are NOT a substitute for calling 911. People who need a squad car or other emergency responders should call 911.

Helpful tips include information about drug activity, suspicious activity, and cold cases. The Department has a long history of receiving tips from residents. For example, tipsters have helped the Department make arrests of suspects featured on the Property Crimes Person of the Week List.

