

CRIME STOPPERS REPORT

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CRIME STOPPERS MEETING REPORT

The summer meeting of FACS, hosted by Central Florida Crimeline, was held June 22-25 in Lake Mary, Florida. President Bill Hudson and Marian Terry attended the mandatory Grant Training on Wednesday, June 23. Business and Elections were held on Thursday, June 24 with Bill and Norm Gulkis being our voting delegates. The following new officers were elected for two year terms.

- ◇ President - Bland Cologne
- ◇ Vice President- Mike Calderin
- ◇ Secretary – Cindy Wilson
- ◇ Treasurer – Frank Brunner

Our delegation then attended training, the latest “Tipsoft Advancements” by Lisa Haber.

PLAYING CARDS: Wayne Cross advised that the 4th deck of the FACS Playing Cards were now available, and were being shipped to all program coordinators. Everyone was asked to continue forwarding information on cold cases and missing persons to Wayne for insertion into the next deck of cards. Wayne asked that the coordinator addresses be forwarded to him at Polkcrimestoppers@aol.com.

From the mind of cartoonist Garey Mckee comes

POLICE LIMIT



WHO TOLD YOU THAT?



MY CELLMATES



Bland Cologne President Florida Association of Crime Stoppers



Bland Cologne President at First Coast Security Bland has over 30 years experience in law enforcement, corporate security, and safety services. Bland began his career as a police officer with the City of Falls Church Virginia Police Department. He continued as a Staff Instructor with the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. He was also a Special Agent with the United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS).; Bland later became the Director of Corporate Security & Safety for American Express Travel Related Services and Citistreet before starting Brandon & Associates; an investigative firm specializing in insurance claims management. In 1999 he established First Coast Security. First Coast Security Services, Inc. is a private company located in Jacksonville, FL. The company employs a staff of approximately 500.

Bland has a Bachelor of Science from American University, DC; His advanced education includes; George Washington University Graduate Studies Forensic Science; Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy; Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; and National School for Bank Security.

To Flee or Not to Flee?

Marian Terry

Recently at a Florida Association of Crime Stoppers meeting, the discussion was about tip and reward exchanges. Most of the 33 Florida programs have a spoken agreement with each other. That is:

1. If an arrest is made in any other program's district from a tip pertaining to a fugitive from your district, they pay the tip and the originating program reimburses them.
2. If a tip is turned into your program giving information on the whereabouts of a fugitive that is in the area of another program. You will either transfer the tip directly to their Tipsoft program or, to the law enforcement coordinator in the affected program.

Most programs now have web pages listing the fugitives from their area, so it makes the state shrink down to the size of a computer. Communications are so fast and accurate that it makes it very difficult for fugitives to hide in another part of the state. Panhandle Crime Stoppers recently had a call from the Citrus County Crime Stoppers Program. Someone from Bay County had called in a tip to them pertaining to a fugitive from Bay County. They made the arrest and wanted to pay the tipster through our program. Several years ago there was a homicide here in Bay County. Through our program a tipster alerted Miami authorities that the suspect's were at Miami International Airport awaiting a flight to South America, they were captured and returned to Bay County.

The Question is: To Flee or Not to Flee? Crime Stoppers answer is: Save your money and turn yourself in! Anyone can call in a tip, and there are a lot of "anyone's" in Florida!