



**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**  
***PRESS RELEASE***  
***SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE***



**DATE OF INCIDENT:** December 16, 2016

**TIME OF INCIDENT:** 1410

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**INCIDENT:** TIPS Incident Reporting receives its 100<sup>th</sup> tip in Sarpy County

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT:** Sarpy County

**INCIDENT:** On October 6, 2016 a press conference was held at the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office to release information to the public about the TIPS Incident Reporting system now available to citizens in Sarpy County. The four school districts in Sarpy County: Bellevue, Gretna, Papillion-LaVista and Springfield-Platteview began working with various other agencies to handle tips from the public. The other agencies include: Bellevue Police, LaVista Police, Papillion Police, 55<sup>th</sup> Security Forces, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, Region 6 Behavioral Health, ESU #3, Adult and Juvenile Probation, Bellevue University, Metro Community College, Sarpy County Juvenile Justice Center and the Sarpy County Attorney's Office. Many of these agencies placed a TIPS logo onto their website to receive tips from the public. These tips have been both anonymous and from school personnel and concerned community members.

On today's date, the TIPS Incident Reporting line which is an online anonymous reporting system, received its 100<sup>th</sup> tip. The tips have ranged from drug use, cyber-bullying, to unruly behavior on buses, to theft, and threats to staff and students.

One person was arrested after the location he was staying at in Omaha was reported to the TIPS line. There have also been tips reported of from anonymous teens who reported concerns for friends who had been posting comments on social media concerning suicide.

Each of the 100 tips have been investigated. Some cases have been handled internally by school officials while others have resulted in active investigations being initiated.

The collaboration of the many people involved in this process has already proven that when information is obtained and acted upon-great things can happen.

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