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Hello Texas Crime Stoppers community and volunteers,

My name is Takoda Chambers, and I am a member of the Paris High School Crime Stoppers team. I am excited to share how our campus came together to raise awareness about Crime Stoppers and the positive results that followed.

At the beginning of the year, our team set a clear goal: to increase membership while engaging students in a fun and meaningful way. To accomplish this, we organized a campus-wide “criminal” scavenger hunt. We hid 20 small criminal figures throughout the school, including a few fake ones to teach students the importance of carefully matching information before submitting them. Students were invited to search for the figures, and when one was found, it was turned in for a coupon redeemable for one free snack from the sponsors. Each participant’s name was also entered into a prize drawing.

By the end of the event, 16 of the 20 figures had been found and turned in. After the deadline, two student names were randomly selected, and each winner received a gift card.

Overall, the project was a major success. It increased student engagement and awareness of Crime Stoppers while helping us recruit 21 new members from multiple grade levels. Compared to last year’s total of just 10 members, our team more than tripled in size. By introducing Crime Stoppers in a fun, low-pressure way, the scavenger

hunt made the program more noticeable and interesting to students, encouraging many of them to join and contribute to our significant growth.