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DA Joins Crime Stoppers in Appeal For Leads in South Bay Hate Crimes

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie M. Dumanis](#) today joined with San Diego County Crime Stoppers, the FBI, San Diego Police Department, Chula Vista Police Department, San Diego Human Relations Commission, the Anti-Defamation League and the San Diego Regional Hate Crimes Coalition to appeal for more information about a recent hate crime at a South Bay medical office. In doing so, law enforcement officials are reminding the public of the existence and importance of the [Hate Crime Reward Fund](#).

“This specialized reward fund provides authorities with important information in cases exactly like the recent South Bay hate crime,” said DA Dumanis. “The fund also serves as a strong reminder that those committing hate crimes in San Diego County will face additional charges, resulting in more severe punishment.”

The recent incident in Chula Vista occurred at a children’s medical office in the 1300 block of East Palomar Rd. during the late evening or early morning of Sept. 10-11. In addition to a burglary and vandalism, spray-painted swastikas and racist writings were found inside the office. A series of similar type of hate crime vandalisms occurred in the same general vicinity about six weeks prior to the medical office incident. There is a reward of \$5,500 available for information on this case from Crime Stoppers, the Hate Crime Reward Fund, and the Anti-Defamation League.

The Hate Crime Reward Fund was established in 2006 in response to violent hate crime attacks that occurred in Balboa Park. Those violent assaults led to a collaborative call to action by Nicole Murray-Ramirez, Chair of the [Human Relations Commission](#) and other community members. The suspects in those hate crimes were eventually arrested and convicted.

“The fund was established to ensure that perpetrators of hate crimes will be held accountable,” said Crime Stoppers Executive Director Sally Cox. “In other words, San Diegans will not tolerate hate crimes.”

To be eligible for the Crime Stoppers and Hate Crime Reward Fund rewards of up to \$10,000, the tipster must call Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477 or send a text or web tip at [San Diego County Crime Stoppers](#). Tipsters can remain anonymous.

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