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## **MEDIA RELEASE – JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

### **CRIME STOPPERS OFFERS \$1,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF A SUSPECT/S RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRACTION BURGLARY**

Hunterdon County Acting Prosecutor Michael Williams, Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, and Clinton Township Police Officer in Charge Lieutenant Thomas A. DeRosa announced that a reward has been offered by Hunterdon County Crime Stoppers for information leading to the arrest of a suspect/s responsible for a distraction burglary.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, "The Clinton Township Police Department is seeking assistance from the public to identify the person/s responsible for burglarizing a residence on Cokesbury Road in Clinton Township on Thursday July 9, 2020, at approximately 2:30 p.m." Acting Prosecutor Williams stated that the actor was described by the victim as a light-skinned black male, 35-40 years old, wearing a black hat with an unknown logo, a white patterned long sleeve shirt, and dark jeans. The actor arrived at the residence driving a white pickup truck and identified himself to the elderly victim as a Verizon employee. The actor told the victim that he was installing a cell tower near the property and led the victim into the backyard of the residence. The actor then left the victim in the backyard, claiming that he had to get something from his truck; he never returned. The victim then re-entered the residence and found items disturbed and approximately \$10,000 worth of jewelry and coins missing. Acting Prosecutor Williams added, "Crime Stoppers of Hunterdon County has offered a cash reward of \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect/s. This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information may contact the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office at 908-788-1129 or the Clinton Township Police Department at 908-735-6000." Information can also be provided to Crime Stoppers by following the directions below.

**Anonymous tips** can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-321-0010, going online at [www.CrimeStoppersHunterdon.com](http://www.CrimeStoppersHunterdon.com), or through the free "P3 Tips" smartphone app. All tips are anonymous and kept confidential.