

PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 8, 2021

atrefry@manitouspringsco.gov

(719) 306-2884

Crime Stoppers Offer \$5,000 Reward for Information

MANITOU SPRINGS CO -- On May 26, 2021, vandals toppled and damaged more than 50 monuments and grave sites at Crystal Valley Cemetery in Manitou Springs. In addition, large amounts of trash and a small burn area were also found in the Cemetery.

Through the generosity of local citizens, a reward of \$5,000 is offered for information that results in a conviction of the person/persons responsible for these crimes. People who have information can share that with Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers and remain anonymous.

If you have information about this crime, call 719-634-7867, or visit www.crimestop.net. You will never be asked for your identity. Your information will be given a code number and should a conviction result from the information you share, Crime Stoppers will pay a reward that you can claim, again on an anonymous basis.

Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Pikes Peak Crime Stoppers Contact; Don Addy: 719-684-6525

Previous Press Release on May 26, 2021:

Vandalism at the Crystal Valley Cemetery

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – After an initial response from the City of Manitou Springs' Parks and Recreation and Public Works crews this morning (5/26), the Manitou Springs Police Department are following up on a vandalism incident at Crystal Valley Cemetery.

Crews discovered more than 50 monuments and gravesites had been toppled or broken. In addition, large amounts of trash and a small burn area were also found in the Cemetery. City crews are currently working to restore the Cemetery to its original



condition. In addition, our Parks and Recreation Department will be contacting the families and plot-owners who's loved one's gravesites experienced irreparable damage.

"It is disheartening to see such disregard and damage towards the memories of our community's loved ones" said Interim Chief of Police Bill Otto. "We have heightened our patrols around the Cemetery and are urging anybody with information to anonymously contact the Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers, where they could receive a cash reward."

The Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers can be reached at crimestop.net or at (719)-634-STOP [7867] and you will remain anonymous.

##