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Local Supporters team up to raise funds for Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers at Fundraiser Event

- Event:** Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers Crab Feed Fundraiser
- Time:** 6:00 p.m. Reception - No Host Bar – Open to Public
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Dinner Tickets: \$40 per person
- When:** Saturday, May 12, 2012
- Where:** San Jose Police Officers Association Hall
1151 North Fourth Street, San Jose, CA
- Tickets:** Limited tickets are available at door - \$40 per person – All-you-can-eat
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San Jose, CA— On Saturday, May 12th, Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers will host a fundraiser to raise awareness and funds for the Crime Stoppers program. The event will be held at the San Jose Police Officers Association Hall where dinner tickets are available for \$40/per person, which 100% of proceeds will go towards supporting the Crime Stoppers program. All donations are tax-deductible.

Local supporters who will be in attendance include: Campbell Police Department Chief Greg Finch, Milpitas Police Department Commander Charlotte Pang, San Jose Police Department Sgt. Jason Pierce, San Jose Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, San Jose Councilmember Rose Herrera, San Jose Councilmember Donald Rocha, representative from the Office of Councilmember Xavier Campos. At the event, a representative from the Hindu American Foundation (HAF) together with the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-SFBA), and the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (SABA-NC) will present a donation check for reward funds to Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers for a recent arrest.

The reward money was raised and set aside for information leading to the arrest of the individuals who attacked a Hindu-American man on November 21, 2011 in San Jose, California. The victim, Mr. Atul Lall, was backing out of a parking space at a local grocery store parking lot when three men surrounded his car and beat him. The perpetrators called him a terrorist, spit on him and doused him with alcohol. Lall lost several teeth in the attack, was briefly hospitalized, and had to undergo a number of jaw surgeries.

On March 2nd, 2012 through public awareness efforts and from the collaborative work of the San Jose Police Department Assault Unit along with the Special Operations METRO Unit, suspect Emilio Romayor was arrested and booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail for assault with a deadly weapon. The Santa Clara County District Attorney has filed one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon along with enhancements for infliction of great bodily injury against the defendant who faces a maximum sentence of seven years in state prison. Romayor remains in custody and bail was set in the amount of \$75,000.

Information leading to this arrest came from an anonymous tip through Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers. Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers applauds the San Jose Police Department for their work in making this arrest, with their reduced police resources. This echoes the importance of the community working together with the local law enforcement agencies to bring awareness of crimes during our tough economic times.

“Crime Stoppers works, because of you! That’s our motto, because it recognizes our reliance on the community for exposure, financial support and most importantly tips,” stated Tuyen Fiack, President of the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers Board. “Our fundraisers are one thing we do to communicate with our supporters and future supporters. It’s a great time for a valuable cause.”

Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers has been responsible for clearing nearly 1,500 cases since its inception in 1982. Nearly \$6 million dollars in property has been recovered, and over \$6 million dollars in narcotics have been seized as a result of the tips received by Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers. Since the start of 2012, we have received 201 web tips, 54 mobile tips, approximately 596 calls, are currently working 20 cases and two cases solved this year where a reward was given and eight crimes solved with no reward requested. (Source: San Jose Police Department - May 2012)

About Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers:

The first Crime Stoppers program began in September 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico and has since spread to include over 1,000 cities and 13 countries worldwide. The mission of Crime Stoppers is to work with law enforcement and the media to help make our communities a safer place in which to live. Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers was formed in September 1982 and is made up of a board of community volunteers. The key to a successful program begins and ends with the citizens in the community who provide anonymous tips that help solve crimes that otherwise may go unsolved. The Crime Stoppers reward fund is comprised of tax-deductible donations from service groups, businesses, and private citizens collected through annual fund-raisers and individual donations. If you wish to leave information concerning criminal activity, call the Crime Stoppers Anonymous Tip Line (408) 947-STOP (7867) or visit www.svcrimestoppers.org

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