



SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT GRAFFITI REWARD PROGRAM

BACKGROUND:

In 1994, the City of Santa Ana adopted a reward program for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of graffiti taggers. That program is still in effect and rewards are still available for residents reporting taggers.

THE REWARD:

The City of Santa Ana will pay \$500 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of suspects for tagging or graffiti related vandalism. The reward is paid on a case-by-case basis; so one case equals one payment of \$500, regardless of the number of suspects arrested.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

1. Residents witnessing graffiti vandalism incidents, or in possession of information identifying suspects, report their information to the Graffiti Task Force Investigative Unit at (714) 245-8769.
2. The investigators assigned to the unit will investigate the case and attempt to validate the information provided by residents. Information will be evaluated as its usefulness in identifying suspects and its value to the prosecution of arrestees or the successful diversion of juvenile arrestees to department-run community service and restitution programs.
3. After the case is successfully prosecuted, or the case successfully resolved through diversion of a juvenile arrestee, the investigator will prepare a recommendation for payment of reward.
4. The reward is paid!

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT! Remember, though, it may take between a few weeks to several months for the reward to be paid. This is because the payment of reward comes after the court case! If you have any questions about how the program works, call the Graffiti Task Force Investigative Unit at the above telephone number.

As a reminder, we have a new Graffiti Hot Line Number to report graffiti for removal. The number is:

1-877-STOPTAG

or

1-877-786-7824