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Crime fighters hope \$60,000 helps solve girl's murder

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The \$60,000 figure is eye-catching but the increased award in the death of Adre-Anna Jackson might not help uncover what happened to the 10-year-old girl.

Money isn't the main reason dignitaries come forward, and large rewards often bring false leads from people just looking to watch the money, experts say.

"There is fine line there," said Elaine Cloyd, president of Crime Stoppers USA. "You have to determine whether it will have great value to help solve a case or is a hindrance."

Tacoma Pierce County Crime Stoppers, the FBI and several private donors are offering up to \$60,000 for information leading to an arrest, charges filed and a conviction in Adre-Anna's death.

Crime Stoppers will pay out the first \$10,000 after an arrest is made and charges are filed.

Supporters of Crime Stoppers say offering a financial incentive and recognizing help motivates people who might be fearful of coming forward with information they have about a crime. The Tacoma-Pierce County chapter has existed for two decades and has helped solve hundreds of cases.

"A lot of times people are close to the crime and they are afraid to come forward and be afraid for their own well-being," Cloyd said. "They have to have something to prompt them."

But not everyone who calls Crime Stoppers with valuable information takes the reward.

"People generally interested in helping us are not interested in the money," said Ron Conley, president of the Crime Stoppers Association of Washington and of Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound.

Lakewood police and Tacoma-Pierce County Crime Stoppers officials hope the reward in the Adre-Anna case will generate new information and "spark people's interest in what they didn't believe."

REMEMBERING ADRE-ANNA

A candlelight service will begin at 7 p.m. tonight in front of Tillamook Elementary School, 804 Maple St. S.W. Friends and community members are asked to bring a song, a poem or just "words in your heart" about Adre-Anna.

The public also is invited to the family's memorial service for Adre-Anna, 8 starts at 4 p.m. Friday at Tillamook Elementary School.

Police Lt. Bret Farmer said, "Let us make that decision" about whether the information is key to the investigation, he added.

A reward of \$11,000 sparked a flurry of tips in the slaying of Soap Dr. Tools salesman Bob Shapel in 2004 and led to charges filed against two men.

Other high-profile unsolved cases with large rewards are:

- The Ear Piece Bandit, who is suspected of robbing nine banks in the Puget-sound area since December 2000. Up to \$15,000 is being offered to find the bandit, named after an ear piece he wore.

- The slaying of Kimberly Kline, 14, and 5-year-old Jeremy Brett Bayless, during a robbery on Nov. 28, 2002. A gunman walked up to a house in the 1000 block of South 7th Street in Tacoma and fired several shots inside as a family gathered for Thanksgiving. A \$25,000 reward is being offered for information.

- The disappearance of Tuckah Lewis, age 2, on Jan. 23, 1998, from a Tacoma housing alley. Up to \$27,000 is being offered.

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Photos by DEAN SCOPPINI/The News Tribune
At a Monday press briefing, Lakewood Police Lt. Bret Farmer passes out flowers about Spencer Douglas Grant.

REMAINS

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ing a 335-day sentence for criminal trespass and was released from custody Feb. 22.

He has a lengthy criminal history and warrants out for his arrest in unrelated matters, though Farmer declined to be more specific. Police said he has not been heard from since around the day Adre-Anna's remains were found.

Also Monday:

- Saunders announced an increase to \$60,000 in the reward for information leading to an arrest, charges and a conviction in the case. The offering rose from \$10,000 after a \$50,000 contribution from the FBI.

"Anyone who has information about Adre-Anna and this particular crime scene will be important to us," the chief said. "We would like any information."

- The Pierce County Medical Examiner's Office continued to work on and identify Adre-Anna's dead.

- Law enforcement officers and forensic specialists continued to comb through the lot, looking for evidence amid blackberry bushes and garbage.

- No one answered the door at Adre-Anna's home. Her mother, Yvette Gervais, has been with her family in Colorado since last month. She was expected to be back in Lakewood by Friday, when a memorial service is scheduled for her daughter.

- Adre-Anna's fellow students returned from spring break to classes at Tillamook Elementary, where Adre-Anna was a fourth-grader. A memorial service and

\$60,000 REWARD

Tacoma-Pierce County Crime Stoppers, the FBI and several anonymous donors are offering up to \$60,000 for information leading to an arrest, charges filed and a conviction in the death of Adre-Anna Jackson. Calls remain anonymous.

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ing staff members were available to talk with students and teachers.

Saunders scolded upward about uncovering the mystery behind Adre-Anna's death. Officers and forensic specialists were about 60 percent done with their search of the three-acre crime scene and were focused on a half-acre corner. They've collected more than 200 pieces of evidence.

"We are very optimistic with the evidence that it will give us leads to go somewhere," Saunders said.

The scene is within view of Woodbrook Middle School and the growing memorial of teddy bears, flowers, lighted candles, crosses and handwritten messages for Adre-Anna.

"I go by that memorial and cry every time," said Wayne Taylor, who lives next to the lot. "I've got grandkids. It is so touching."

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Evidence collection in the investigation of Adre-Anna Jackson's murder continues Monday on a vacant lot in the 7500 block of 166th Street Southwest in Lakewood where her remains were found April 4.

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2018. The entire mission will cost more than \$600 million with the impactor project cost-tagged at \$80 million.

The mission is set to launch in October 2008, with a rocket that carries the Lunar Reconnaissance

Orbiter and impactor. The orbiter will circle the moon for at least a year, mapping the surface, searching for water and scouting for potential landing sites to send astronauts. The orbiter will pay particular attention to the south pole, which NASA considers a prime candidate for a future outpost.

The lunar spacecraft will target the south pole too, receiving its

SUV-sized impactor probe in January 2009 on a suicide plunge at about 5,600 miles per hour toward a frozen crater believed to contain hidden ice.

If ice is found, it could be melted and the water used to help make rocket fuel or oxygen.

These resources can make (a) future human return to the moon and lunar-bases occupation of

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Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter: <http://lunar.gov.nasa.gov/mision>

the moon much more cost-effective," said Butler Heim, robotics deputy program manager at

NASA's Ames Research Center in northern California, which is developing the impactor.

In the 1990s, several robotic probes found elevated levels of hydrogen, a component of water, around the moon's poles, suggesting ice might lie beneath the frozen marks. But they failed to find water vapors of it.

The 2008 mission won't be the

first time NASA has crashed a robotic probe into the moon. In the 1960s, the space agency launched Ranger spacecraft on such a mission, but only three were successful, bouncing back, close-up pictures as they crashed. The 1990 orbiting Lunar Prospector cobble into the moon, but it was considered a disappointment because it failed to kick up a cloud of debris,

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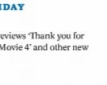


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