

PRESS RELEASE

More than 800 anonymous crime reports allowed drug seizures and arrests

The National Intelligence Unit (DNIP) of the Panama National Police received 820 complaints from the anonymous virtual platform Crime Stoppers Panama, through which security forces achieved significant drug seizures and arrests.

From January to May 17th, 2020, and with the arrival of Covid-19 in Panama, complaints increased to 165 related to drugs and 188 to domestic violence.

On April 4th, Crime Stoppers Panama, in coordination with the National Police and the National Secretary for Children hood, Adolescents and Family, uploaded a web tip form to the platform so that victims of domestic violence could report their situation.

Other complaints received by Crime Stoppers were: 85 corruption, 64 for money laundering, 55 for extortion, 47 for cigarette smuggling, 44 for animal abuse, 34 for human trafficking and 37 for use of illegal weapons, 25 crimes in Colon Free Zone, 24 related to crime against the environment and 18 cases of homicides / femicides.

To make the report or alert to the authorities about a crime, citizens must enter to the website www.tupista.org Then choose the option in which the Panama flag appears and identify the crime you want to report. The information provided is confidential.

The anonymous web tip form is designed to share information and include photos, audios, videos and any kind of files that serves as support to the Public Security Ministry, in order to analyze the information and generate prevention policies, social, coordinated and aligned with local governments.

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