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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Release #1:**

Beginning today the Garden City Police Department will be launching a new tip411 anonymous texting program. The tip411 system is an internet based tool that enables the public to text anonymous tips and send anonymous messages to us through our Web site.

Anyone with a cell phone can now send anonymous tips to the Garden City Police Department by texting the word **GCTIP** and their tip information to **847411** (tip411). Anonymous tips can also be submitted from a link on the Police Department's Web site at [gcpolice.org](http://gcpolice.org). The program allows us to send a return text, therefore creating a two way anonymous "chat". Tipsters sending information through our Web site will be given a code that enables them to log back into their tip to see if we have sent a request for additional information. All tips received through tip411 are 100% anonymous. Technology removes all identifying information before the Police Department receives it so there's no way to identify the sender.

Our goal with this program is to give individuals who wish to remain anonymous another opportunity to provide us with information to help solve crimes. When someone feels afraid to come forward, or simply feels like they don't want to get involved - this can be a great way to pass on information without fear of retribution.

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