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J. Ian L Gray
State Coroner
Coroner's Court Victoria
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street
Melbourne Vic 3000

Dear Judge Gray

Re: Nicole Joy MILLAR - Court Reference No: COR 2010 002064

I write in response to recommendations 28 and 29 arising from investigation into the death of Nicole Millar.

Recommendation 28:

....the circumstances surrounding Ms Millar's death and many others indicate that families, friends, colleagues and neighbours need an effective mechanism to bring suspected family violence to the attention of an authority empowered and equipped to respond in a timely manner. Noting that Crime Stoppers is a recognised brand and has accountability mechanisms, I consider that it has the potential to fill the gap between public awareness campaigns and emergency services with respect to family violence.

Response:

Crime Stoppers Victoria has requested that Victoria Police provide a suitable dataset in order that a new template be added to the Crime Stoppers Victoria website (crimestoppersvic.com.au) for online reporting of information relating to family violence. Crime Stoppers has further requested that Victoria Police provide training to call takers to illicit the relevant and required information from callers in relation to family violence matters which will be passed on to Victoria Police members for further investigation. As a not for profit organization Crime Stoppers Victoria has requested that Victoria Police provide funding for the necessary website changes.

Recommendation 29:

Crime Stoppers has developed the Say Something campaign, which urges young people who witness acts of violence to be brave and look out for their friends by reporting incidents of violence confidentially. A website and iPhone app are available to help empower young people to report crime easily and online without identifying themselves. I therefore recommend that Victoria Police, together with Crime Stoppers, conduct a trial extending the Say Something campaign to family violence.



Response:

Crime Stoppers Victoria has developed an advertising/marketing plan and budget for a family violence campaign. As a not for profit organisation this work currently falls outside the existing budget. Crime Stoppers Victoria has applied for government and philanthropic funding in an effort to garner funds to support a reporting awareness campaign.

Yours sincerely



Samantha Hunter
Chief Executive Officer