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Re: NEW TOLL FREE HERNANDO CRIME STOPPER NUMBER

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The Hernando County Crime Stoppers, Inc. is pleased to announce a new **toll free** number which is **866-990-8477 (TIPS)**. The launching of this toll free number allows access to tipsters from outside the local Hernando County calling radius.

The new toll free number is coinciding with the distribution of a new flyer regarding the murders of Patrick and Evelyn DePalma. The flyer contains never before released family pictures of the DePalma's. The purpose of the flyers is to hopefully generate new tips from the public about the unsolved murders. The DePalma's were murdered in their Masaryktown home in October 2006.

The flyers were paid for by the Office of the Attorney General, Crime Stopper Trust Fund and will be mailed to residents in Hernando and Pasco Counties.