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COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**NORTH MECKLENBURG CRIME STOPPERS, INC.**

I, the undersigned, being a person of full age, do make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina;

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation shall be North Mecklenburg Crime Stoppers, Inc., (hereinafter called "Crime Stoppers").

**ARTICLE II**

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE III**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to promote community welfare and lessen the burdens of the government of the Towns of Davidson and Cornelius and Mecklenburg County by assisting the Davidson and Cornelius Police Departments and the Mecklenburg County Sheriffs Department and Mecklenburg County Police Department in the apprehension and conviction of criminals through making funds available for use in offering rewards; by helping develop a community offensive against crime; by motivating members of the public to cooperate with the Davidson Police Department, Cornelius Police Department and the Mecklenburg County

Sheriffs Department and Mecklenburg County Police Department; and other law enforcement agencies within the Towns of Davidson and Cornelius and Mecklenburg County; and by providing for rewards and awards for such cooperation.

The further purposes of Crime Stoppers is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which non-profit corporations may be organized under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and which will not cause the corporation to lose its Federal tax exempt status pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any successor provision.

**ARTICLE IV**

The corporation shall have no members.

**ARTICLE V**

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the State of North Carolina is 216 South Main Street, Davidson, North Carolina 28036 and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Detective Mike Phillips. Address is located in Mecklenburg County.

**ARTICLE VI**

The affairs of Crime Stoppers shall be managed by a nineteen (19) member Board of Directors. The names and addresses of the persons who are to act at the initial Board of Directors and officers of Crime Stoppers, until their successors have been selected, are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Milton D. Almond	518 Fieldstone Road Mooresville, NC 28115

William B. Tabor	11633 Statesville Road Huntersville, NC 28078
Jo Felts	Route 2, Box 433 Davidson, NC 28036
Leland M. Park	Davidson College Library P.O. Box 1837 Davidson, NC 28036
Ralph B. Voyles	P.O. Box 1750 Davidson, NC 28036
Robert T. Cashion	P.O. Box 520 Cornelius, NC 28031
Helen W. Dove	16204 Statesville Road Huntersville, NC 28078
Walt Neil	P.O. Box 799 Huntersville, NC 28078
Sam P. Garrison	P.O. Box 938 Davidson, NC 28036
Jill Santuccio	P.O. Box 549 Davidson, NC 28036
Will H. Terry	P.O. Box 67 Davidson, NC 28036
Joseph F. Gennette	18520 Hwy. 73 Huntersville, NC 28078
G. Patteson Williams	P.O. Box 2009 Cornelius, NC 28031
Susie Caldwell	P.O. Box 295 Cornelius, NC 28031
Sue Ross	P.O. Box 268 Davidson, NC 28036
Ralph Johnson	P.O. Box 794 Davidson, NC 28036
Jim Fitzharris	421 Northwest Drive Davidson, NC 28036
Howard Rorer	P.O. Box 1509 Huntersville, NC 28078
Craig Butler	P.O. Box 313 Huntersville, NC 28031

The selection process for Board Members as well as their terms, removal and duties shall be as provided for in the by-laws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

Crime Stoppers may be dissolved upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers then in office taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose, or upon the written consent of all members of the Board of Directors entitled to vote thereon. Upon the dissolution or other termination of Crime Stoppers, no part of the property of Crime Stoppers, nor any of the proceeds thereof, shall be distributed to, or inure to the benefit of, any of the members of Crime Stoppers, but all such property and proceeds shall, subject to the discharge of valid obligations of Crime Stoppers and to applicable provisions of law, be distributed, as directed by the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers to or among any one or more corporations, trust, community chests, funds or foundations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any successor provision.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

Amendments to these Articles shall require the affirmative vote of seventy-five (75%) percent of the members of the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers then in office voting at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

In order to carry out its purpose, Crime Stoppers shall be funded

primarily by private donations of money, goods or services from members of the public, including individuals, corporations, clubs, associations and other organizations. When appropriate, Crime Stoppers may also receive funding in the form of money, good or services from Federal, State and local governments as long as the receipt of such funds does not violate any law or cause Crime Stoppers to lose its tax exempt status under the United States Internal Revenue Code then in effect.

#### **ARTICLE X**

The affairs of Crime Stoppers shall be managed by its Board of Directors, and a majority of the number of directors then fixed by the by-laws, excluding vacancies, shall constitute a quorum; provided, however, a quorum shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of the number of directors then fixed by the by-laws. The officers of Crime Stoppers shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws.

Crime Stoppers shall use its best efforts to have a Staff Administrator of Crime Stoppers assigned by the Davidson Police Department who shall provide professional advice, recommendations and assistance to Crime Stoppers.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

No part of net earnings of Crime Stoppers shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers or other private persons, except that Crime Stoppers shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to it and to make payment of rewards and awards in furtherance of the

purposes set forth previously herein.

No substantial part of the activities of Crime Stoppers shall be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and Crime Stoppers shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The income of Crime Stoppers for each taxable year shall be distributed at such time and in such manner as not to be subject to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and Crime Stoppers shall not engage in any act of self-dealing (as defined in Section 4941(d) of such Code), retain any excess business holdings (as defined in Section 4943(c) of such Code), make any investments in such manner as to subject Crime Stoppers to tax under Section 4944 of such Code, or make any taxable expenditures (as defined in Section 4945(d) of such Code.)

#### ARTICLE XII

The name and address of the incorporator is G. Patteson Williams, 19770-G Norman Landing, P.O. Box 2009, Cornelius, NC 28031.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this  
the 5th day of November, 1990.

  
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G. Patteson Williams (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

I, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County and State, certify that G. PATTTESON WILLIAMS personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 5th day of November, 1990.

My commission expires 9/22/93

Ann N. Thompson  
Notary Public

