



# TEXT-A-TIP

Text-A-Tip and Help Prevent Crime  
Text RMPOL and your message to CRIMES

**[274637]**

**Your tip is completely anonymous.**  
(Message and data rates may apply).

## What Is Text-A-Tip?

The City of Rocky Mount Police Department has set up a system to allow witnesses to text message them with anonymous tips. The tip is sent to a main server that is not associated with any police agency. The Internet-based systems route messages through a server that encrypts cell phone numbers before they get to police, making tips virtually impossible to track. With the server stripping the text of any identifying information before sending the tip to the police department for which it was intended.

## It's Totally Anonymous

- Just text your message to CRIMES (274637). Your message must begin with RMPOL.
- When your message is received at CRIMES, your name and cell phone number will be stripped from the message before it is forwarded to the Police Department.
- You will receive an immediate text reply that will include a confidential I.D. number.
- If you use Text a Tip again, you may include your confidential ID. number, but it is your choice. Text a Tip is totally anonymous.

## Items to include in your message:

- Type of crime
- Name of people involved
- Complete addresses
- Phone numbers
- Vehicle information (if applicable)
- How the crime is being committed or Method of Operation

