



Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc.

## Crime Stoppers News Release



### **WHAT: Information Needed on August, 2009 Homicide**

Crime Stoppers and HPD Homicide Investigators are asking for the public's help in solving the August 23, 2009 homicide of Joshua Lavondon Hutchins.

On Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at around 5:45 in the morning several suspects attempted to break into the Exxon/Mobil Station located at 738 Lathrop. The suspects broke the outside plate glass window and tried to retrieve the Bill Payment Machine. During the burglary several gun shots were fired. Joshua Hutchins was shot on the right side of his chest and died at the scene.

After an extensive investigation by the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division it was determined that the shots were fired from across the street. Shell casings were found in front of the Da Spot Tattoo Parlor that is directly across the street from the Exxon/Mobil Station. At the time of the burglary and shooting several men were outside the tattoo parlor. They left the scene after the shots were fired.

If anyone has any information on the shooting or burglary they are urged to call Crime Stoppers.

Attached is a photo of Joshua Hutchins.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for any information called in to the 713-222-8477 tips hotline or submitted online at [www.crime-stoppers.org](http://www.crime-stoppers.org) that leads to the identification, arrest and/or charging of the any of the suspects in this case. Tips can also be sent by text message - Text TIP610 plus your tip to CRIMES (274637). All tipsters remain anonymous.