



# *City of Gretna Police Department*

*Brett Lawson, Chief of Police*



March 20, 2025

Darlene Cusanza, President & CEO  
Crimestoppers  
P.O. Box 55249  
Metairie, Louisiana 70055

Dear Ms. Cusanza:

Please see the attached submission for the Annual Crimestoppers Award on behalf of the Gretna Police Department.

Detective Brian Rico has proudly served our department since 2002. Throughout his tenure, his work ethic and unwavering commitment to our mission have been unmistakable. He sets a standard of excellence that serves as a benchmark for our younger officers and a model of professionalism within our agency.

Detective Rico possesses a highly specialized skill set that has become increasingly critical in today's environment, where so many crimes involve digital devices and complex forensic analysis. His expertise in digital forensics is well recognized throughout our region and has elevated the standing of the Gretna Police Department as a trusted and valuable resource for forensic investigations. His contributions have strengthened not only our agency, but also our partnerships across jurisdictions.

I commend Detective Rico for his dedication, leadership, and significant contributions to our profession.

Thank you to Crimestoppers of Greater New Orleans for your continued work in supporting law enforcement and for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brett Lawson".

Brett Lawson  
Chief of Police

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