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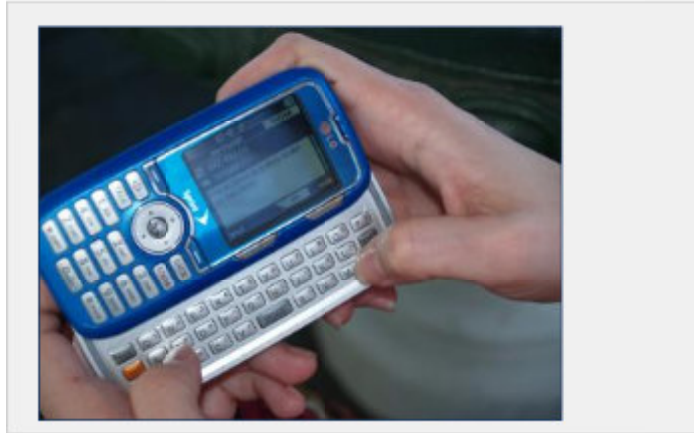
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OCEAN CITY — Things just got harder for drug dealers, thieves and other criminals operating in Cape May County.

Sheriff Gary Schaffer held a press conference at City Hall here on April 24 to unveil new technology that will allow anyone with a cell phone or computer to provide anonymous information to the Sheriff's Office through text messaging.

"I encourage our citizens to join me in fighting crime in Cape May County. I have set up a totally anonymous web tip page so you can actively help the Sheriff's Office in fighting crime," Schaffer said. "No greater enemy a criminal has than law enforcement and citizens working together."

play an active role in keeping neighborhoods safer, and I hope to engage younger folks in the process, who I feel can be a great asset."

Schaffer told the Herald that his office made the announcement in Ocean City because of an on-going investigation into the March 11, 2009 disappearance of a local 21-year-old local, John Weisbecker. Since the missing person is younger, "how to text. Ask most young people and young adults and they will tell you they text over 30 times per day and many over 10 different people a day. Texting plays a big role, I think, in pretty much everyone's life right now. Even older generations are learning to text," added Sheriff Schaffer.

Despite having just been launched, the new technology has already yielded two leads into possible criminal activity that the Sheriff's Office has forwarded to local law enforcement agencies, Schaffer told the Herald.

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