

Book Challenge Now a Criminal Case

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The issue of a controversial book in the sophomore honors English class at Watauga High has now turned into a criminal matter, and Boone Police are asking for tips through Crimestoppers. Boone Police issued the High Country Crime Stoppers bulletin Friday afternoon, seeking information on letters, received Monday February 17th by several teachers at Watauga High School. The release says that letters were received from an unknown source concerning the controversial book, "The House of the Spirits," the release saying the letters were directed towards specific teachers and not towards students. The release did not indicate whether the letters were threatening, but would have to have some criminal intent to have been included in such a bulletin. The Watauga County Board of Education held a hearing at Watauga High last week on the book challenge, and have a meeting scheduled for next week to decide the case.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 828-268-6959 / 828-737-0125 or the Boone Police Department at 828-268-6900. All information will be kept confidential. High Country Crime Stoppers pays rewards for information, which leads to arrests; recovery of stolen property; seizure of drugs and the location of wanted persons.