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Crime Stoppers Tips Lead to Arrests in Pharmacy Robberies *Anonymous Tipster(s) to Receive \$1,000 Reward*

February 27th, 2007, Orlando, FL — Two individuals suspected of robbing a local pharmacy in the Brevard County area have been arrested as a result of a public awareness provided by Crime Line and RxPATROL. Brevard County police have arrested David Mosseri and Shannon Smallwood in connection with the robbery occurred at the CVS located at Malabar Road on February 20th.

Last week, *Central Florida Crime Line Inc.* asked for the public's help in investigating a pharmacy robbery offering up to a \$1,000 cash reward for information that could help the police with their investigation. As a result of these efforts, Crime Line received a number of tips. The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., the company which distributes OxyContin® (oxycodone HCl controlled-release) Tablets and developer of the RxPATROL program.

"We received several calls from residents almost immediately after issuing the alert on the robbery," said coordinator Barb Bergin. "It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the arrest of suspects."

Purdue Pharma, L.P. developed RxPATROL (Rx Pattern Analysis Tracking Robberies & Other Losses), a collaborative effort between industry and law enforcement designed to collect, collate, analyze and disseminate pharmacy theft information. Most recently RxPATROL has partnered with Crime Line to allocate funds to be used directly as rewards for tipsters who provide qualifying information with regards to pharmacy robberies.

These recent arrests follow several others in Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, New Jersey, North Carolina, Utah and Pennsylvania. All of these arrests were a result of information from local residents who saw press reports about the robberies and the reward offered by *RxPATROL and Crime Line or other local Crime Stopper affiliated programs.*

"*RxPATROL* is proud to support the efforts of Crime Line and other affiliated Crime Stopper programs throughout the United States," said *RxPATROL* program coordinator Capt. Richard Conklin.

All information that comes into *Central Florida Crime Line Inc.* tip line as well as any other *Crime Stoppers* tip line is kept completely confidential. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court. Anyone with information about any recent pharmacy robberies in the area is asked to call ***Central Florida Crime Line at 800-423-8477 (TIPS).***

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