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**Crime Stoppers Tip leads to Arrest of Suspects
Responsible for Multiple Area Robberies**
Anonymous Tipster to Receive \$1,000 Reward

March 1st, 2007, Orlando, FL — Five individuals suspected of robbing a local CVS pharmacy, at least five area banks and several other local businesses in the Orlando area have been arrested as a result of a public alert and reward issued by *Central Florida Crime Line*, the Orange County Sheriff's Office and RxPATROL®. On February 16th, the Orange County Sheriff's Office arrested Shawn Westbrook, 21, Prince Canty, 19, Julius Smith, 18, Danny Pegeese, 18, and Terrell Bell, 16 after receiving a tip through *Crime Line*. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

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

"We received several calls from residents almost immediately after issuing the media 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."

"The Orange County Sheriff's Office utilized RxPATROL as part of our investigation. The reward through Crime Line provided heightened public awareness and generated important information through a tip which allowed us to apprehend these suspects," said Sgt. Bill Henkey.

Purdue Pharma, L.P. developed RxPATROL (Rx Pattern Analysis Tracking Robberies & Other Losses) as a collaborative effort between industry and law enforcement designed to collect, collate, analyze and disseminate information on pharmacy theft. Most recently Purdue has partnered with Crime Stoppers programs throughout the country to offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest of pharmacy robbery suspects.

These recent arrests in Orlando follow others in Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, New Jersey, North Carolina, Utah and Pennsylvania. To date, 27 arrests have been made as a result of the partnership between Purdue's RxPATROL program and local Crime Stoppers affiliated programs.

"We are proud to support the efforts of Crime Line and other affiliated Crime Stoppers 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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