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**\$1,000 Reward Offered for Information Leading to Arrest
Of Suspects Involved In Local Pharmacy Robberies**

Newark, OH –April 20, 2007- *Licking County Crime Stoppers* is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the suspects responsible for pharmacy robberies in the Newark area.

The Newark Police Department is investigating pharmacy robberies that occurred at a CVS on West Main Street and at the Arensberg Pharmacy on Hudson Ave. *Licking County Crime Stoppers* and the Newark Police Department are asking for the public's assistance by offering the reward for any information that will help local law enforcement solve these crimes. The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., the distributor of OxyContin[®] (oxycodone HCl controlled-release) Tablets.

Anyone with information about the robberies described below is asked to call *Licking County Crime Stoppers at 1-888-488-9058*.

March 28th, 2007, Arensberg Pharmacy, 176 Hudson Ave. (9:45AM)

An unknown suspect entered the store and went directly to the pharmacy counter. The suspect gave the employee a note indicating he was armed and demanded prescription medications. The suspect fled when a statewide tornado siren alarm sounded. He did not obtain any medications.

The suspect is described as a white male between 40-50 years of age; about 6 feet tall with a heavy build. At the time of the robbery, the suspect was wearing a black ball cap with a color design or strip on the bill, dark wrap around sunglasses and a blue jean jacket.

A composite sketch is attached.

January 6th, 2007, CVS Pharmacy located at 1370 West Main Street, (3:45AM)

An unknown suspect walked into the pharmacy, displayed a gun and demanded prescription drugs. After stealing the medications the suspect fled through the front entrance.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 6 feet tall with light brown hair and blue eyes. At the time of the robbery, the suspect was wearing a light gray hooded sweatshirt, a dark bandana over the lower part of his face, blue jeans, tan work boots and gloves. The gun is described as a handgun with a long barrel or a sawed off shotgun.

See surveillance photo attached.



Arensberg Pharmacy Sketch



CVS Photo