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Crime Stoppers Tips aid in Pharmacy Robberies *RxPATROL to Donate \$2,000 to Crime Stoppers to pay Tipsters*

April 25th, 2007 Indianapolis, IN — A string of pharmacy robberies at various pharmacies in the Greater Indianapolis area has come to an end with help from Crime Stoppers and RxPATROL. The Indiana Metro Police Department arrested David Rhodes, 30 and Jeremy Davis, 32 after receiving tips through *Crime Stoppers*. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

Last month, *Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana* asked for the public's help in investigating a string of local pharmacy robberies 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 Stoppers saw an increase in tips received. "We received several tips from residents almost immediately after notifying the public of the robberies," said coordinator Tom Kearns. "It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the arrest of suspects." Several tips helped in arresting these suspects and police believe they may have been working together.

Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana and RxPATROL will continue working together to offer rewards to tipsters providing information leading to the arrest of suspects involved with pharmacy robberies and burglaries. Crime Stoppers is grateful for the support RxPATROL has offered. 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.

This recent arrest follows several others in Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Florida, New Jersey 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 Stoppers*.

"RxPATROL is honored to be partnered with Crime Stoppers and supporting their efforts. It has been proven that the public's help is vital in helping solve these cases, and if we can assist with those efforts we will." said RxPATROL Liaison Capt. Richard Conklin.

All information that comes into *Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana* 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 ***Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at 1-317-262-TIPS (8477)***. .

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