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## **Tip Leads to Arrest of Three Pharmacy Robberies Suspects** *RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers to Pay \$1000 Reward to Local Tipsters*

**April 4, 2006, Sharpsburg, MD** — A man suspected of robbing a local pharmacy in the Sharpsburg area has been arrested as a result of a public awareness provided by *RxPATROL/ Crime Stoppers*. The arrest follows others in communities around the country where *RxPATROL/ Crime Stoppers* has offered rewards for information on pharmacy robberies.

Derrick Milligan was arrested recently and charged with armed robbery in connection with the robbery which took place December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Sharpsburg Pharmacy.

In December, *RxPATROL/ Crime Stoppers* asked for the public's help in investigating this crime and offered a \$1,000 cash reward for information that could help the Maryland State Police with its investigation. Local residents in Sharpsburg saw press reports of the robbery and called the RXTIPS hotline with information that helped to identify the suspect. Maryland State Police were able to arrest Milligan, who confessed to the robbery.

"We received a tip from a resident within two days of notifying the public of the robbery," said *RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers* coordinator Chuck Kreimer. "It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the arrest of suspects."

The Maryland State Police and *RxPATROL/ Crime Stoppers* – which is working with local police in communities across the country to solve pharmacy robberies – will be providing the local tipster(s) with a cash reward for the information which helped lead to the arrest of the suspect. The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., which distributes OxyContin® (oxycodone HCl controlled-release) Tablets.

This recent arrest follows others in Jersey City, NJ where three suspects were arrested for a string of robberies, Chambersburg, PA where local authorities arrested a man in connection with a string of pharmacy robberies last fall and Columbus, OH where a suspect was arrested after kidnapping a pharmacist during a robbery. Each of these arrests was a direct result of information from local residents who saw press reports about the robberies and the reward offered by *RxPATROL/ Crime Stoppers*.

"*RxPATROL/ Crime Stoppers* is very thankful for the public's continued support in helping local law enforcement with their investigation of local pharmacy robberies. These recent arrests prove that the public's help is vital to helping us solve these cases," said *RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers* coordinator Chuck Kreimer.

All information that comes into *RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers* 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 is asked to call ***RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers at 1-888-4RXTIPS.***

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