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Tips Lead to Arrest in Pharmacy Robbery
Anonymous Tipster(s) to Receive Up to \$1,000 Reward

Tampa, FL –July 28, 2008 – Two individuals suspected of robbing a local pharmacy in the Tampa Bay area have been arrested as a result of a reward offer issued by RxPATROL® and *Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay*. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office arrested Jessica Gravette and Brett Rossis after information led them to the identity of the suspects. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

In May 2008, *Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay* offered a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that could help the police investigation of the pharmacy robbery on May 21, 2008

“We received several calls from residents after issuing the alert on the robbery,” said Crime Stoppers Coordinator Det. Lisa Haber. “We appreciate the commitment made by RxPATROL to assist us with the reward offer.”

Purdue Pharma, L.P. developed RxPATROL (Rx Pattern Analysis Tracking Robberies & Other Losses) in 2003 as a collaborative effort between industry, pharmacists and law enforcement to collect, collate, analyze and disseminate information on pharmacy theft. In 2005, Purdue partnered with *Crime Stoppers* and affiliated local anti-crime programs throughout the country to offer rewards for information that can help lead to the arrest of pharmacy robbery suspects.

This arrest follows several others in Florida and other states throughout the country. To date, 86 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 Stoppers* and affiliated programs throughout the United States,” said RxPATROL program coordinator Capt. Richard Conklin. “The recent arrests in the Tampa Bay area prove that tips from local residents really can make a difference.”

Anyone with information about similar robberies in the area is asked to call *Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay Inc.* at 800-873-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip at www.crimestopperstb.com.

RxPATROL will continue to support Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay Inc. and local law enforcement by offering cash rewards for information leading to the arrest of any suspect involved in recent pharmacy robberies in the Tampa Bay area.

All information that comes into any *Crime Stoppers* tip line is kept completely confidential. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

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