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## **Tip Leads to Arrest of Suspect in Local Area Pharmacy Robberies**

*Local Citizen To Receive \$1000 Reward for Information Leading to Arrest*

**June 2006, Clarksville, TN** — A man suspected of robbing local pharmacies in the Clarksville area has been arrested as a result of a public outreach effort by the *Clarksville/Montgomery County Crime Stoppers*. The arrest follows others in communities around the country where *Crime Stoppers* has partnered with *RxPATROL* to offer rewards for information on pharmacy robberies.

Jeremy Don Johnson, 25, was arrested in connection with the armed robbery of three local pharmacies. Johnson is believed to be responsible for the robberies at the local Eckerd and Medicine Shoppe pharmacies on Madison Street and the Medicine Shoppe on state Highway 48/13. He is also suspected of a similar robbery in Joelton on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

A tip was received within days of the Clarksville/Montgomery County Crime Stoppers releasing a police sketch to the media and offering a reward for information that could help the Clarksville Police Department investigation, a local resident recognized the suspect from the sketch and notified authorities of the suspect's name and whereabouts and the arrest was made.

"We received a tip from a quick thinking citizen who saw media reports about the robbery and the reward," said Detective Demone Chesnut. "It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the arrest of suspects."

*Clarksville/Montgomery County Crime Stoppers* will provide a cash reward to the individual who provided the tip. The cash reward was donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., which distributes OxyContin® (oxycodone HCl controlled-release) Tablets. Purdue developed *RxPATROL*, a program designed to help prevent and solve pharmacy crime, and is working with Crime Stoppers groups throughout the country to provide rewards for information that leads to an arrest in a pharmacy robbery or burglary.

This recent arrest follows several others in Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, 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*.

"*Clarksville/ Montgomery County Crime Stoppers* is very thankful for the public's continued support in helping local law enforcement solve crimes in our communities. These recent arrests prove that the public's assistance is vital to helping us solve these cases," said *Crime Stoppers Coordinator Roger Carroll*.

All information that comes into the *Clarksville/Montgomery County 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 in the local area is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-931-645-8477.

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