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

**October 5, 2005, Jersey City, NJ** — A string of pharmacy robberies at various drug stores and pharmacies in Jersey City, NJ has come to an end as a result of a reward offered 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.

James Battle, 35, of Jersey City, Michael "Ahk" Adams, 47, of Newark and Kevin "Mugsey" Scott, 48, of East Orange, were arrested this week and each charged in connection in a series of pharmacy robberies throughout Jersey City. According to Jersey City Police Chief Robert Troy, the men are believed to be the prime suspects in a ring that robbed a total of five Jersey City pharmacies since June, taking \$30,000 to \$50,000 in painkillers in each robbery.

In September, *RxPATROL Crime Stoppers* asked for the public's help in investigating these crimes and offered a \$1,000 cash reward for information that could help the Jersey City Police Department with its investigation. A local resident of Jersey City who saw local press reports of the robbery and reward came to police with information that helped make the arrest of these three suspects.

"We received a tip from a resident within two weeks of notifying the public of the robberies," said Jersey City PD Lt. Kelly. "It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the arrest of suspects."

The Jersey City Police Department 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 with a \$1,000 cash reward for the information that lead to the arrest of the suspects. The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., the company which distributes OxyContin® (oxycodone HCl controlled-release) Tablets.

This recent arrest follows another in Chambersburg, PA where local authorities arrested a man last week in connection with a string of pharmacy robberies. This arrest was a direct result of information from a local resident who saw press reports about the robberies and the reward offered by *RxPATROL Crime Stoppers*. In March of this year, a tip to the Kentuckiana Crime Stoppers chapter led to the arrest of a suspect in connection with two local bank robberies and a robbery at a Walgreens located in Louisville, KY.

"*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 in the area is asked to call ***RxPATROL Crime Stoppers at 1-888-4RXTIPS***.

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