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**Crime Stoppers Tip leads to Arrest of Suspects
Responsible for Multiple Area Robberies**
Anonymous Tipster to Receive \$5,000 Reward

Philadelphia, PA, September 2, 2007,— Two individuals suspected of robbing, at least three area pharmacies and several other local businesses in the Philadelphia area have been arrested as a result of a public alert and reward issued by *Citizens Crime Commission*, and RxPATROL®. In May 2007, the Philadelphia Police Department arrested Kareem Stevens and Shawn Oakman after receiving a tip through the *Citizens Crime Commission*. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

In March 2007, *Citizens Crime Commission* asked for the public's assistance in investigating a series of pharmacy robberies at local pharmacies in the greater Philadelphia area and offered a reward of up to \$5,000 cash for information that could help the police with their investigation. The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., the company which developed and funds RxPATROL.

“We received several calls from residents almost immediately after issuing the media alert on the robberies,” said Vice President Santo Montecalvo. “It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the arrest of suspects. Through tip information received, investigators have been able to link the suspects to the following robberies: CVS at 6150 N. Broad Street on March 17th 2006, Messiah Drugs at 2445 Ridge Ave on March 21st, 2006 and Rite Aid Pharmacy at 7401 Ogontz Ave on March 21st, 2006. It is believed a third suspect is involved in these robberies and we encourage anyone with additional information to contact our tip line at 215-546-TIPS.”

Purdue Pharma, L.P. developed RxPATROL (Rx Pattern Analysis Tracking Robberies & Other Losses) as a collaborative effort between industry and law enforcement designed to collect, collate, analyze and disseminate information on pharmacy theft. Most recently Purdue has partnered with Crime Stoppers programs throughout the country to offer rewards for information that leads to the arrest of pharmacy robbery suspects.

These recent arrests in Philadelphia follow others in New Jersey, Maine, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, Utah and California. To date, 36 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 the Citizens Crime Commission and other affiliated Crime Stoppers programs throughout the United States,” said RxPATROL program coordinator Capt. Richard Conklin.

All information that comes into *Citizen's Crime Commission* 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 *Citizens Crime Commission at 215-546-TIPS (8477)*.

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