

Crime Stoppers Tips Lead to Recovery of \$5 Million of Prescription Medications

Additional \$5,000 Reward Offered for Arrest of Suspects Involved

Troy, IL – July 11th, 2007 – A stolen cargo trailer containing more than \$5 million of hydrocodone-based prescription pain medication has been recovered as a result of a public alert and reward offer issued by *RxPATROL*[®]/*Crime Stoppers*. No suspects have been charged with the theft at this time. An unidentified local resident is eligible to receive a \$5,000 reward for helping authorities locate the stolen shipment.

On July 3rd, the Troy, Illinois Police Department and *RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers* issued a public alert asking for the public's assistance and offering the cash reward for information leading to the arrests of suspect(s) and/or the recovery of the stolen medications. The cash reward was donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P. which operates *RxPATROL*.

"We received a call almost immediately after a television station reported on the Crime Stoppers alert," said Captain Robert Rizzi of the Troy police department. "It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the recovery of stolen merchandise or the arrest of suspects. We are thankful for the assistance of the conscientious citizen who gave us the information and for the support of *RxPATROL* and Crime Stoppers.

"This is the largest theft of controlled substances in the past 10 years," according to Sgt. Dennis Stabile, a supervisor of the federally funded task force, a special law enforcement unit comprising local, state and federal police officers.

"We will continue to assist local police by offering an additional \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrests of the suspect(s) responsible for this crime," said *RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers* Coordinator Chuck Kreimer. "It's important for people to know that all information that we get is kept completely confidential. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court. *Crime Stoppers* does not use any taping or caller ID devices. Anyone with information is asked to call **the *RxPATROL* Tip line at 1-888-4RXTIPS.**"

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.

"We are proud to support the efforts of *Crime Stoppers* and affiliated programs throughout the United States," said *RxPATROL* program coordinator Capt. Richard Conklin. "This recent recovery in Troy proves that tips from local citizens really can make a difference."