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RxPATROL[®]/Crime Stoppers Tip Leads to Arrests in Pharmacy Burglary

Anonymous Tipster(s) to Receive Up to \$2,500 Reward

Ocean City, Md. – February 22, 2011 – A man suspected of burglarizing a local pharmacy in the Ocean City area has been arrested as a result of anonymous tips received in response to a reward offer from RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers. The Ocean City Police Department has arrested William Freeman in connection with a burglary that occurred on January 3, 2011, at Bailey's Pharmacy, located at 714 Philadelphia Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland. Freeman has been charged in not only the Bailey's Pharmacy burglary, but several other burglaries spanning across two states and four different jurisdictions. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

On February 4, RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers asked for the public's assistance in investigating this pharmacy burglary and offered cash reward of up to \$2,500 for information that could help the police with their investigation. The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., which developed and funds RxPATROL.

"As a direct result of this reward offer, a witness came forward and provided crucial information that led to the identification and location of the suspect," said Detective Nick Simpson of the Ocean City Police Department. "It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the arrest of suspects."

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 crime. 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 burglary and burglary suspects. To date, 107 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 collaboration with the Ocean City Police Department and RxPATROL was vital, we greatly appreciate their support."

All information that comes into the *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 the

RxPATROL Tip line at 1-888-4RXTIPS.

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