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## **RxPATROL<sup>®</sup>/Crime Stoppers Reward Offer Leads to Arrest in Pharmacy Robbery**

**Wilmington, MA – September 7, 2011** – A man suspected of robbing a local pharmacy in the Wilmington area has been arrested. The suspect turned himself into law enforcement in response to a reward offer from [RxPATROL/](#)Crime Stoppers. The Wilmington Police has arrested Kirk Crupi, in connection with a robbery that occurred on August 18, 2011 at CVS Pharmacy located at 222 Main Street in Wilmington. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

On September 1, RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers asked for the public's assistance in investigating this pharmacy robbery 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.](#), the company which distributes prescription pain medications and which developed and funds RxPATROL.

According to Lt. Christopher Neville of the Wilmington Police Department, "Although this was an active investigation there is no question that the publicity generated in the media by RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers led to several individuals who recognized the suspect and provided information and assistance in causing him to turn himself in to police."

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 robbery and burglary suspects. To date, 110 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 Mark Geraci, Vice President and Chief Security Officer, Purdue Pharma, LP. "The recent arrest in Wilmington proves that getting the word out on these crimes in local communities really can make a difference."

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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