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Crime Stoppers Tips aid in Pharmacy Robbery

RxPATROL to Donate \$1,000 to Crime Stoppers to aid in Pharmacy Robberies

January 31st, 2007 — A man suspected of robbing several local pharmacies in the Weber County area has been arrested as a result of a public awareness provided by Crime Solvers and RxPATROL. James Mee is suspected of robberies in Roy, South Ogden and Ogden. The arrest follows others in communities around the country where Crime Solvers and RxPATROL have partnered to offer rewards for information that can help law enforcement investigate pharmacy robberies.

Purdue Pharma, L.P. developed RxPATROL® (Rx Pattern Analysis Tracking Robberies & Other Losses) as a collaborative effort between industry and law enforcement to help collect, collate, analyze and disseminate pharmacy theft information. Most recently RxPATROL has partnered with Crime Stoppers to allocate funds to be used directly as rewards for tipsters who provide qualifying information with regards to pharmacy robberies.

Last month, *Utah Crime Solvers* asked for the public's help with any information relevant to the pharmacy robberies offering up to a \$ 2,000 cash reward for information that could help the police with their investigation. The increased awareness led a witness to provide information to police leading to the arrest of James Mee. The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., the company which distributes OxyContin® (oxycodone HCl controlled-release) Tablets and developer of the RxPATROL program.

"We received tips from residents almost immediately after notifying the public of the robbery," said coordinator Mike Milne. "It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the arrest of suspects."

This recent arrest follows several others in Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, New Jersey, Florida, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. All of these arrests were a result of information from local residents who saw press reports about the robberies and the reward offered by RxPATROL and Crime Solvers.

"RxPATROL is proud to partner with Crime Solvers and other Crime Stopper affiliated programs throughout the United States to help solve pharmacy crime," said RxPATROL coordinator Capt. Richard Conklin.

All information that comes into *Utah Crime Solvers* 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 pharmacy robberies in the area is asked to call ***Utah Crime Solvers 1-800-972-2255.***

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