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Tips Lead to Arrest in Pharmacy Robbery
Anonymous Tipster(s) to Receive Up to \$1,000 Reward

Indianapolis, IN–March 7th, 2008 - A woman suspected of robbing a local pharmacy in the Kokomo area has been arrested as a result of a reward offer issued by RxPATROL® and *Central Indiana Crime Stoppers*. The Kokomo Police Department arrested Sheila R. Burrington of Elkhart, IN on February 25th after a tip alerted police to the identity of the suspect. An arrest warrant was issued and the suspect turned herself into authorities. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

In November 2007, *Central Indian Crime Stoppers* offered a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that could help the police investigation of the pharmacy robbery on November 16 at the Walgreens Pharmacy at 3608 S. Lafountain St.

“We received several calls from residents after issuing the alert on the robberies,” said Crime Stoppers Coordinator Sgt. Tom Kern. “We appreciate the commitment made by RxPATROL to assist us with the reward offer.”

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.

This arrest follows several others in Indiana and other states throughout the country. To date, 62 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 recent arrests in Greater Indianapolis area prove that tips from local residents really can make a difference.”

All information that comes into any *Crime Stoppers* tip line is kept completely confidential. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

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