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

**Manatee County, FL – June 3, 2008** – Three men suspected of robbing a local pharmacy in the Bradenton area have been arrested as a result of a reward offer issued by RxPATROL® and *Crime Stoppers of Manatee County*. The Manatee County Sheriff's Office arrested Justin R. Sowards after a tip alerted police to the identity of the suspect. Upon further investigation Christopher Lyon and Steven C. Davis were also arrested. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

In May 2008, *Crime Stoppers of Manatee County* offered a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that could help the police investigation of the pharmacy robbery on April 23 at the CVS Pharmacy at 6204 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

“We received several calls from residents after issuing the alert on the robbery,” said Crime Stoppers Executive Director Frank Brunner. “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 Florida and other states throughout the country. To date, 70 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 Manatee County 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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