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**Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week” solved by Web Tip**  
*Anonymous Tipster(s) to Receive Up to \$1,000 Reward*

**South Bend, IN–March 31, 2008** - Two woman suspected of robbing local pharmacies in the South Bend and Warsaw areas have been arrested as a result of **web tip** provided through the South Bend Area Crime Stoppers website (SouthBendAreaCrimeStoppers.com). Crime Stoppers forwarded the information to the South Bend Police, Warsaw Police and St Joseph County Police Departments. Their investigations led to charges being filed on Sheila R. Burrington (Haecker) of Elkhart, IN and Kimberly Haecker of Wabash, IN. Sheila Haecker was already in custody in Kokomo, IN and Kimberly Haecker was taken into custody on March 27<sup>th</sup>. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 RxPATROL<sup>®</sup> and the South Bend Area Crime Stoppers offered a reward of up to \$1,000 for information regarding the recent robberies in the area. As part of the Crime Stoppers partnership, RxPATROL will make a donation of \$1,000 to South Bend Area Crime Stoppers to pay the rewards.

Following the initial press release, the week of February 18, 2008, the South Bend Area Crime Stoppers featured three local pharmacy robberies as the Crime of the Week. The robberies took place at the Walgreens at 1010 East Ireland Road on January 26<sup>th</sup>, two hours later at the CVS at 100 North Detroit Street in Warsaw and on February 14<sup>th</sup> at a CVS in Granger.

The Crime of the Week segments are a classic example of the collaborative success of the South Bend Area Crime Stoppers Program. The Crime of the Week segment was produced by a local television station, (in this case Fox 28). It was aired on local television stations, Comcast Cable, local radio stations and printed in the South Bend Tribune. The web tipster indicated they were aware of Crime Stoppers from watching television.

“We received several tips, on the web and by phone, from residents after profiling the robberies,” said Crime Stoppers Coordinator Lt. Cindy Kilgore. “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.

It's thanks to the partnership between law enforcement, the media, and the community, through donations of time, talent, money, and information that this program is a success with almost 6000 arrests made since the inception in May 1983.

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

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