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**Tips Lead to Arrest in Pharmacy Robbery**  
**Anonymous Tipster(s) to Receive Up to \$1,250 Reward**

**Panama City, FL-May 15th, 2008** - A man suspected of robbing a local pharmacy in the Panama City area has been arrested as a result of a reward offer issued by RxPATROL<sup>®</sup> and Panhandle Crime Stoppers.

Thanks to professional law enforcement work by Investigator Larry Plotkin of the Lynn Haven Police Department and Detectives Rozier and Llorens of the Panama City Police Department three armed robberies of pharmacies have been solved and an innocent man was released from jail.. Upon receiving the tip Investigator Plotkin contacted his counterparts in the Panama City Police department and began to follow up on the information. The tip led them to, with assistance from the Gulf County Sheriff's Department, arrest Mark William Moore of Wewahitchka Florida. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

In April 2008, Panhandle Crime Stoppers offered a cash reward for information that could help the police investigation of the pharmacy robbery on April 12 at the Wal-Mart at West 23rd Street.

Moore has also been charged with the robbery which occurred at a CVS Pharmacy at 660 E. Hwy 98 in Lynn Haven.

"We received several calls from residents after issuing the alert on the robberies," said Crime Stoppers President Norm Gulkis. "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, 73 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 arrest in Panama City area proves that tips from local residents really can make a difference."

"This cooperation between the agencies is an example of the excellent communication and follow up between Panhandle Crime Stoppers and local law enforcement agencies," said Crime Stopper President Norm Gulkis, "we applaud and congratulate these detectives for a job well done."

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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