

Innovative Programs to Combat Pharmacy Theft

Purdue Pharma

- www.rxpathrol.com
 - o Provides a national database to track, analyze, and provide information on reported crimes.
 - o Reward Offer Program donates up to \$2500 through local Crime Stoppers chapters for information leading to arrest.
 - o Provides a detailed checklist of practical security features that all pharmacies should employ.

Time Delayed Safes

- Starting in 2009, Walgreens began installing time delay safes for select narcotic products that takes several minutes to open. Visually displayed messages stating this are at the front counter.
 - o Overall, Walgreens claims a dramatic reduction in crime and is expanding the program across the US.
 - o Pro: causes more risk for the robber since they have to stay in the store longer.
 - o Con: can cause more danger to employees since they have to engage the robber longer.



Smoak Cloak DNA

- www.smokesolutions.net, www.smoakcloakdna.net
- Larry Macintosh: 617.470.4822
- \$2300 covers 700 sq ft; \$3300 covers 1400 sq ft and is most often sold.
 - o \$500 annual maintenance cost
 - o Group pricing available
- SmartDNA covers the entire area and is a botanical spray with a unique, identifiable signature.
 - o Already in use in some South Carolina stores.
- Integrates directly into existing security systems.
- Food grade safe fog that leaves the store with ventilation. No damage, no residue, no odor.
- Skin sample is good for 3 weeks; clothing sample is up to 12 months.
- Sample is sent to NY and with a 5-10 day turnaround time results are sent to law enforcement as an expert testimony.

GPS Tracking Device

- PharmaTracker
 - o www.3sisecurity.com/products/pharmatracker
 - o Tammy Sterling: 919.428.5840 – regional representative
 - o Lisa Moughan: 610.280.2058 - marketing representative
 - o If product moves for more than 10 seconds, it sets off silent alarm.
 - o Cellular, GPS, and RF technologies all included in the product.
 - RF tracker provided to law enforcement by company if necessary.
 - This gives enough ground to get a search warrant.

- Recoveries took place in Summerville and N. Charleston in March 2015 using this technology.
- 78% nationwide success rate in arrests and recoveries.
 - Average arrest time within 20 minutes.
- \$759 for one tracking bottle and includes 12 months of tracking service.
 - \$250/yr after first year
 - Group pricing available
 - Bottle sounds just like the real medication when shaken, and fake tablets look identical to real tablets.
- Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company partnered with 3SI:
 - \$629 for initial purchase, then \$204 annually
 - Waives up to \$1000 deductible in the event of loss
- Automatically contacts law enforcement and client when theft occurs. Provides 24/7 phone support for all parties.
- “Operation Safety Cap” in New York was initiated in 2013 using this technology and company. It was a partnership between the NYPD, Purdue Pharma, and 3SI.
- Legality
 - The October 2013 case United States v. Katzin is relevant. Law enforcement attached a GPS device to the outside of the van of Katzin, a suspect in pharmacy burglaries. This was ruled as an unlawful search, violating the 4th amendment, even though law enforcement had reasonable suspicion.
 - Using this product is different in that the GPS is a stolen product. It is similar to a purse being stolen with a phone inside or a car being stolen with OnStar tracking.
- Recent SC Success Stories
 - **7/5/14 – North Charleston, SC – Full Recovery**
Suspect held up a Pharmacy and escaped by vehicle. Using ESP, Police tracked and made a full recovery of the narcotics, and have the suspect in custody.
 - **3/3/15 - North Charleston, SC – Partial Recovery**
Suspect held up a pharmacy and fled with Oxycontin and Xanax. Tracking with GPS, Police tracked the suspect until he became stationary in a residential neighborhood. Before apprehension, the suspect swallowed an unknown number of pills. Suspect was taken to the hospital and the rest of the narcotics were recovered.
 - **3/6/15 – Summerville, SC – Full Recovery**
Two males entered a pharmacy demanding Oxycontin and Xanax. They quickly fled the scene with the narcotics. Police tracked the two and apprehended them with the pills still in their possession.