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Media Release

Subject: Unwanted Medication Drop-Box Program Begins

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It is a well-known fact that many individuals who are now addicted to heroin became addicted while using prescription medications that were prescribed by a physician. Often times these addicted persons will turn to the medicine cabinets in a relatives or friends home looking for unused prescription medications to feed their addiction.

In an effort to assist our community in combating prescription drug abuse as well as offering a safe solution in which our residents can safely dispose of their unwanted medications without polluting our water system or landfills, the Auburn Police Department is happy to announce that we have implemented a permanent receptacle within the Auburn Police Department's public lobby at 46 North Street to serve as a 365 day a year option to discard these unwanted/unused medications.

When depositing medications into the drop-box receptacle, keep all items in the original container or, if unavailable, put them in a sealable plastic bag. Please remove any identifying labels on the medication container before depositing into the receptacle.

The following items are accepted:

- Prescription Medications
- Ointments
- Vitamins
- Sample Medications
- Pet Medications
- Patches
- Over the Counter Medications

The following items are NOT accepted:

-Syringes
-Poisons
-Liquids of any kind
-Inhalers
-Aerosol Cans
-Bio Hazardous Materials

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