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NEWS RELEASE

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L.P.D. AWARDED GRANT FROM CVS/PHARMACY TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND FOR SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICATION

Lexington, S.C. (February 2, 2016) – The Lexington Police Department is pleased to announce being the recipient of a grant through CVS/pharmacy to install a Drug Collection Unit to provide the Town of Lexington community a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medication, including controlled substances.

Chief Terrence Green says that *"The Lexington Police Department is proud to partner with CVS/pharmacy as the safe disposal of unused medication is critical to protecting our children and those who seek to abuse prescription drugs. Using the Drug Collection Unit is a positive for the environment as it prevents the contamination of local landfills and water supplies."*

The Drug Collection Unit has been installed in the lobby of the Lexington Police Department and unused or expired medications can be dropped off during business hours.

This unit can take prescriptions, prescription patches and ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, medication samples and medications for pets. This unit however cannot accept hydrogen peroxide, inhalers, aerosol cans, liquids, needles, or thermometers.

The Drug Collection Unit at the Lexington Police Department represents one of 1,000 units CVS/pharmacy and The Medicine Abuse Project (MAP), a five-year initiative of The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, are providing across the country. This innovative donation program is the largest retail pharmacy effort of its kind to date and supports MAP's goal to prevent a half million teenagers from abusing prescription medication by the year 2017.

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