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Pills Can Kill Spring Prescription Drug Take Back Event Announced

Saturday March 24th Carteret County law enforcement agencies will hold the Spring "Pills Can Kill" prescription drug take back program in conjunction with "Operation Medicine Drop".

From 10am until 2pm citizens will be able to drop off their unused prescription medication to deputies and police officers who will be at all five food lion locations in Carteret County.

"We really want to focus on getting "controlled" medication, especially painkillers, out of people's homes if they are no longer needed. Reducing access and availability helps to prevent misuse of these drugs" said Sheriff Asa Buck.

The Sheriff reminds everyone that disposal of medication is only one part of the program.

Another important part of the "Pills Can Kill" program is the safe storage of medication. Many people have to keep these medicines in their homes. It is imperative that people store their medication in a manner that prevents others from accessing them. Some helpful tips are:

- Don't leave medication out in plain view
- Don't keep medication in obvious places i.e. the medicine cabinet or the cabinet over the kitchen sink
- Keep "Controlled" medication (painkillers, anxiety drugs) in a secure place known only to you and a trusted family member
- Keep a count of medication
- If you believe someone has stolen your medication contact law enforcement

The Sheriff thanks all Carteret County citizens who continue to support this program and make Carteret County a safer place.

For more information visit the following websites.

Carteret County Sheriff's Office at www.carteretsheriff.com

Operation Medicine Drop at www.umd-nc.org

Safe Kids NC at www.ncsafekids.org