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## **TWIN CITIES BASED *PAWN AMERICA* ANNOUNCES MAJOR EXPANSION PLANS**

BURNSVILLE, MN. – *Pawn America*, a locally-owned retail and banking business, has announced recent expansion plans including new store openings in the Twin Cities and throughout the Midwest. *Pawn America* opened its first store in Robbinsdale in 1991. Today, there are 14 *Pawn America* locations throughout Minnesota. The stores offer a variety of valuable services to customers including; discounted pricing on new, refurbished and used merchandise including electronics, jewelry, furniture and sporting goods. *Pawn America* also prides itself on giving customers the highest value for their recycled or pawned merchandise.

*Payday America*, a subsidiary of *Pawn America* is also expanding. *Payday America* opened its doors in 2000 and specializes in short-term lending at competitive rates. Currently there are 10 *Payday America* locations throughout Minnesota.

### **EXPANSION PLANS FOR *PAWN AMERICA* & *PAYDAY AMERICA***

#### **MINNESOTA**

- **Fridley *Pawn America* to become largest pawn store in the Midwest!**  
The Fridley location has doubled in size to 24,000 square feet and is set to re-open September 1, 2005.
- ***Payday America* store opening in Fridley**  
To open September 1, 2005 next to expanded *Pawn America* store
- **New locations triple size of Rochester *Pawn America* and *Payday America*!**  
New store will be 10,000 square feet
- ***Payday America* store opening in Burnsville**  
To open in September, 2005

#### **MIDWEST**

- ***Pawn America* store opening in Sioux Falls, South Dakota**  
12,000 square foot store set to open November 1, 2005.

Brad Rixmann, founder and owner of *Pawn America* and *Payday America* says he is also considering the Fargo and Des Moines markets for potential expansion. “We are always looking to expand into other markets if a formidable opportunity exists,” says Rixmann. In fact, we welcome inquiries from property owners who are looking to deal viable properties in those and other out state markets.”

For interview opportunities, contact Michael Deering at 952-944-1319. For more information on Pawn America including locations, directions and services, log onto [www.pawnamerica.com](http://www.pawnamerica.com)

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