

Then they find they cannot function without it, and when they are deathly sick because of the lack of nutrition that they deprive their bodies of when they take these so-called diet pills, and then they find out they are a nervous wreck because of the abnormal effect of the drug, such as being able to stay awake for maybe 24 hours, 48 hours or even 72 hours at a time. Diet pills are being used for everything but dieting. Oh yeah, it is popular around heavy drinkers; speed allows the drinkers to drink in excess without falling all over the place.

I have nothing against the medical profession or the laws of this country, but there is always one bad apple in every bunch, and the odor of this rotten apple is smelled by everyone and takes away the sweet fresh fragrance of the other good apples.

[End of Mr. B's statement.]

So yesterday I asked the individuals in the program, and the Teen Challenge Training Center—we presently have 130 fellows in residence—if there were any others that had experiences, and I gave to Mr. Gordon this morning a briefer statement from an individual from the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore area, and it is brief, and I will read it.

[Statement read of other witness:]

On or about the early part of 1970 myself and several friends were involved in the purchase of methadone in the southwestern part of Washington, D.C. We were able to purchase as much methadone, which on some days ranged up to the hundreds of dollars worth, as we were able to pay for.

The doctor was completely aware of what was going on and made no effort to hide it. Not too far from this same location was another doctor who was doing the same exact thing. The drugs which were purchased were taken to Baltimore where they were sold on the streets for higher prices.

From about the middle of 1973, up till the latter part of 1975, I was involved in the buying of pills through doctors in the Baltimore area.

This was set up so that I had medical assistance and could go to various doctors during the day. I was able to purchase various types of drugs, including valium, parest, nembutal, seconal, turinals, placidyalls, and many others, including class A narcotics.

These doctors were aware that I was on a drug program, and still would prescribe drugs. The doctors, some, not all, were careful of how they dispensed the drugs. They would prescribe only enough for 1 month's supply, but would prescribe several different types of medication.

Other doctors would insist that several different people would come so they could prescribe to them, but I would receive the drug after we left the office.

Some, though, would prescribe a large amount and tell you not to come back. On one occasion I can recall, I told a doctor I was strung out on valium, and needed to be detoxed off of them, I was told I could handle it myself if he could prescribe a large amount.

He did so willingly. This I did on several different occasions, to the same doctor.

On another occasion in the Baltimore area, my girl friend was approached while in a doctor's office and asked if she would exchange sex for an assorted amount of drugs.