

I cannot verify that. In Washington, I secured them from a physician, and the other drugs, as I said, I got them from a fellow who was, his wife worked for a doctor, and brought home the samples, the white cross. That came from a drug dealer down in North Carolina.

I do not know where he secured them.

Senator NELSON. In the course of the period you were using and selling the drugs, was your source frequently or infrequently a physician?

Mr. HICKS. Only a physician on one instance.

Senator NELSON. Only in one instance?

Mr. HICKS. Yes; I never had to rely on them before, and I was not that aware of the accessibility.

I was usually looking for a larger quantity.

From the physician you could always secure a script for usually 30 pills, and we would have to go back the next month, and get another script, and go back the next month, and it seemed like too much hassle to go around and find 10 doctors to get enough pills, when you could find one person and buy them from him.

Senator NELSON. What was the price you would pay per prescription, do you recall?

Mr. HICKS. From the doctor, it cost \$5 a visit.

Now, you went in, and he took your blood pressure, and weighed you, and asked you what you would want, and you told him, and he wrote the script, and you gave the \$5, and you had to go out and fill it.

Senator NELSON. He just asked you what you wanted, and he gave you what you asked for?

Mr. HICKS. Yes.

Senator NELSON. No quarrel about whether you needed it or not?

Mr. HICKS. No.

Senator NELSON. From your experience and that of others, how easy did it appear to be to go to this physician and get a prescription?

Mr. HICKS. His office was always full, and I found out I was able to take several of my friends with me, and they secured them for themselves.

At the time, it was a difficult period. I was not really dealing that heavily, and I had just been arrested, and I did not want to get arrested again, so I was laying a little low.

Senator NELSON. You are no longer associated with the Rehobeth Teen Challenge?

Mr. HICKS. I just resigned and moved back to the Washington area, and I will be taking up a position of teaching a course in drug administration at a school being formed in Washington.

Senator NELSON. Thank you very much, Mr. Hicks, for taking the time to come.

Mr. HICKS. Thank you.

Senator NELSON. Our next witness is Mr. Edward King, deputy director, Town of Huntington Youth Bureau, Huntington, N.Y.

Your statement will be printed in full in the record.