

dosage unit. Since Preludin is water-soluble it is frequently injected intravenously and used in conjunction with heroin.

Senator NELSON. Is that one tablet?

Mr. RODY. That is one tablet, sir, and right now I believe the price is about 19 cents.

Senator NELSON. From the pharmacy on prescription, wholesale or retail?

Mr. RODY. The 19 cents figure is the wholesale figure, but it is being trafficked on the street at \$10 a unit.

Senator NELSON. What is the price of a 75 milligram tablet, average price on a prescription from the pharmacy?

Mr. RODY. About 25 cents, so I am told.

Senator NELSON. About 25 cents a tablet in the pharmacy, and in the street it is \$10?

Mr. RODY. That is correct.

Senator NELSON. Where, here in the District of Columbia?

Mr. RODY. That is the indication we have from our investigation in the District.

Senator NELSON. Is it similarly priced elsewhere in the country?

Mr. RODY. We do not have that much indication of this particular drug being available in all of the other areas of the country; it has been confined to Pennsylvania, westerly out to Nebraska, but particularly here in the District we have had a large indication of usage.

Mr. DURRIN. We have seen a price of as high as \$15 for the 75 milligram dosage.

Senator NELSON. That is one of the congeners, one of the amphetamine-related tablets?

Mr. RODY. That is correct, sir.

Senator NELSON. Is this one especially expensive, or is it the same price prevailing for the amphetamines on the street?

Mr. RODY. Sir, I would have to defer the question to Mr. Durrin.

Mr. DURRIN. Let me just say it is a drug of choice among abusers. They particularly like this. It helps increase the effect of the heroin, and it is more popular than some of the other amphetamine-type drugs by comparison.

Pricewise, it is certainly one of the higher priced, legitimate street products.

Senator NELSON. Now, Preludin is in schedule II?

Mr. RODY. That is correct.

Senator NELSON. Why did that go to schedule II, since it is one of the congeners?

Mr. RODY. That was the result of our previous studies on diversion and abuse, and the data that we submitted to FDA. They in turn made that medical and scientific determination that Preludin should be placed in schedule II.

Senator NELSON. Do you somewhere in your testimony, or do some of your associates have any statistics on the cost in the street of the amphetamines?

Mr. RODY. We could certainly provide that to this committee. I am not sure if we have it with us at this time.

Mr. ROSTHAL. We will make it available, sir.

[Subsequent information was received and follows:]