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Legitimately manufactured amphetamine products are readily available on the illicit market in Region One (1). Source of supply for these amphetamines can be broken down into two (2) main areas; (a) Drug Store break-ins/armed robberies, (b) diversion from the retail level (practitioners, pharmacies etc).

Information received from cooperating individuals indicates that amphetamines can be obtained in lots of 100's to 1,000's with the price varying according to the strength of the dosage units and the quantity purchased.

Since January 1, 1974, Region One (1) has participated in or initiated more than thirty (30) investigations of practitioners involved in the diversion of amphetamines into the illicit market. The majority of these cases were concerned with the indiscriminate prescribing and dispensing of amphetamines by physicians. In one case, a New Hampshire physician was responsible for the dispensing of approximately one half of the total amphetamines purchased by all of the registrants in that state. The same physician was also responsible for the dispensing of two thirds of the total methamphetamine purchased by all of the registrants in that state.