

# 15000 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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## Region 4 - Baltimore

Legitimately manufactured amphetamines are infrequently encountered on the illicit drug market in Region 4. Questioning of Cooperating Individuals disclosed no information concerning amphetamine trafficking during this reporting period:

A review of significant cases involving amphetamines originating from legitimate sources encountered since January 1, 1974 is as follows:

A West Virginia physician received three (3) years probation and voluntarily surrendered his medical license after undercover purchases were made of prescriptions for amphetamines and methamphetamines. A prescription review in Wheeling, West Virginia, revealed that this physician had written 2,407 prescriptions for these controlled substances during a one year period.

A sales representative for North Carolina pharmaceutical distributor received a five year suspended sentence, and a \$2,000 fine for illicit sale of Eskatrol.

The following information was obtained from state and local law enforcement police laboratories and regulatory authorities concerning the availability of legitimately manufactured amphetamines through illegal channels.