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Region 8 - NEW ORLEANS

Intelligence indicates that the vast majority of amphetamines being abused are being diverted by registrants through the sale of prescriptions, although two (2) organizations, one in Mississippi and one in Alabama, were responsible for diverting in excess of 1 1/2 million amphetamines within the past five (5) years into Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia.

Source information and investigations conducted by the Criminal Compliance Group, DEA, indicate that registrants are diverting in excess of a million amphetamines per month within Region 8.

A Mississippi physician sold nine (9) prescriptions over a period of two (2) months to DEA agents. This doctor was selling prescriptions to groups of people at a time and also stated that his only business was selling prescriptions for Schedule II drugs. Intelligence indicates that this doctor was responsible for diverting approximately 75,000 dosage units of amphetamines per month.

Another Mississippi physician is considered responsible for dispensing in excess of 50,000 dosage units of Schedule II drugs per month. Several prescriptions were purchased by DEA agents, the majority of diverted dosage units are amphetamines.