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Legitimately produced amphetamines are available in Region 14 on an individual basis only. A review of Region 14's sources of information failed to reveal legitimate amphetamines on the streets of Los Angeles. An additional query was made of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Administrative Narcotics Division (Buy Program), and their response was the same.

Region 14 personnel, LAPD Administrative Narcotics Division, and the State of California Drug Diversion Investigative Unit (DIU), it was learned that in terms of major seizures of legitimately produced amphetamines, there have been no significant cases. The DIU did advise that there are two (2) problem areas they have discovered: The first is prescription forgery rings operating in Region 14, and the second is that of the dispensing and prescribing practitioners. The DIU reports that most licit amphetamine cases are those in which an amphetamine abuser will go to a practitioner and receive prescriptions for amphetamines. It was felt, however, that the amphetamine abuser used these prescriptions for his own use rather than for resale.