North Dakota's Stop-Sale System Achieves Significant Results In Battle Against Meth

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LUTHERVILLE, Md., July 17, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- The National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) – a nonprofit organization that facilitates cooperation between law enforcement, healthcare professionals, state regulatory agencies and pharmaceutical manufacturers in the prevention and investigation of drug diversion – today lauded the latest results achieved by the real-time, stop-sale system in North Dakota. Data released for 2012 by the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx) shows electronic technology in the Peace Garden State for the first six months of 2012 blocked the sale of more than 1,800 boxes of medicine containing pseudoephedrine (PSE) preventing more than 3,000 grams from potentially being diverted by meth criminals.

"North Dakota is one of 24 states that utilize real-time, stop-sale technology to combat meth production," said Charles F. Cichon, executive director of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI). "In the short period of time since NPLEx was launched in North Dakota, the technology has demonstrated impressive results in the state. The system blocks unlawful attempted purchases right at the sales counter and provides law-enforcement officials with valuable information in real time. By targeting meth criminals, the system ensures that responsible consumers will continue to have access to the cold and allergy medicines they rely on for relief."

About NADDI

The National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that facilitates cooperation between law enforcement, healthcare professionals, state regulatory agencies, pharmaceutical manufacturers in the investigation and prevention of prescription drug abuse and diversion. NADDI also sponsors and conducts specialized educational seminars and conferences.

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