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**MethCheck<sup>®</sup> contributes to meth lab bust in southern New Hampshire**  
*Eleven people indicted in connection with Operation Crystal Baker*

**Louisville, Ky.** – A two-year meth lab investigation has resulted in the arrests and indictments of 11 people in southern New Hampshire and law enforcement is crediting MethCheck with helping to identify the suspects. The investigation, dubbed Operation Crystal Baker, nabbed the suspects on charges of conspiracy to make methamphetamine.

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration said the eleven allegedly went to various pharmacies to buy pseudoephedrine-based products, a key ingredient in methamphetamine. Authorities were able to trace them through MethCheck, a secure database used by pharmacies to maintain an electronic record of pseudoephedrine (PSE) purchases. Authorities are able to access the site to determine buying patterns.

“Using MethCheck, law enforcement was able to track purchases at several area pharmacies,” said Mike Davis, president of Appriss, the company that built and provides the MethCheck application. “The buyers were hoping to avoid drawing attention to themselves by staying under the legal limit at each site.”

Police said the electronic logs available through MethCheck were crucial in locating several mobile meth labs. A total of four labs were shut down, including one that was less than a thousand feet from an elementary school. The arrested included a mother and daughter who were allegedly making meth in front of the daughter’s 11-month-old baby.

MethCheck began as a pilot program in southeast Kentucky. Pilot programs are already underway in several states including Missouri, Florida, Alabama, California, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Arkansas. It currently manages an average of 45,000 transactions a day including purchases, returns, voids, and signatures. More than 16,000 pharmacies nationwide currently use MethCheck as their electronic database.

Kentucky was the first to go statewide with MethCheck. Approximately 7,000 to 11,000 grams of PSE are blocked from sale each month in the state.

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