

SC Tracks Over-The-Counter Drug Used to Make Meth



Law enforcement in Effingham County have long talked about the rise in meth use there. On Tuesday, they got some help from the folks from the Georgia Meth Project, a public awareness campaign to make sure folks know the dangers and help keep young people from becoming part of this drug epidemic.

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Law enforcement across South Carolina says there is a new program to monitor the sale of over-the-counter drugs that can be used to make methamphetamine.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division said clerks using the new system scan a customer's photo identification which is then checked in a secure national database.

If the customer has bought more drugs with ephedrine than allowed, the clerk is told not to complete the sale and the customer's information is sent to law enforcement.

Ephedrine is commonly used in decongestants, but can also be mixed with other common chemicals to make methamphetamine.

SLED says the national database is maintained by ephedrine makers and is not paid for with taxpayer money.

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