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Meth labs give rise to prescription fraud.

Thomas Grogan is a forensic handwriting expert based in Charlotte, NC. He states “With the rise of meth labs and stores removing OTC medicines containing pseudoephedrine and ephedrine from the shelves, many have either forged or altered prescriptions to obtain the drugs they need to manufacture methamphetamine.” Thomas has released a paper that summarizes research conducted over the past year regarding medical fraud and prescription forgery.

Aspects of the report include:

- The Magnitude of the Prescription Medication Abuse
- What Legally Constitutes a “Prescription”?
- How Different Jurisdictions Vary in Their Handling of Prescription Forgery
- Motivations Underlying Prescription Forgery
- Who are The “Typical” Prescription Forgers?
- The Rx Forger’s Drugs of Choice – “Controlled Substances Demystified”
- Anatomy of the “Legitimate Prescription”
- Most Common Prescription Forgery/Alteration Tactics (with examples)
- Technologic Trends to Thwart Prescription Forgery

It is estimated that 3 billion prescriptions were written in the United States in 2002 – up from 1.5 billion in 1989; and the numbers continue to grow exponentially. In a study done by Zickler, the number of people who abuse prescription drugs is greater than the number of people who abuse many illegal street drugs. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) reports that in 2003, 6.3 million Americans reported currently using prescription drugs for non-medical purposes and 15 million reported having used a prescribed drug for a non-medical reason at least once in the year.

In addition to giving public presentations and seminars, Mr. Grogan has examined numerous cases for a variety of clients from law enforcement agencies, lawyers, corporations and private citizens.

Thomas Grogan is available for interview either in person or by phone.

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Resources:

Thomas Grogan's website: www.thomasgroganfde.com

National Institute on Drug Abuse: www.drugabuse.gov/drugPages/PrescripDrugsChart.html

Consumer Healthcare Products Association: www.chpa-info.org/Web/index.aspx

Meth Watch: www.methwatch.com/index.aspx

About Thomas Grogan:

Thomas Grogan is a forensic document examiner and handwriting expert. He is the president and chief examiner of Forensic Document Laboratory, Inc. Mr. Grogan has worked in handwriting since 1997 and has served an apprenticeship under renowned handwriting expert Don Lehew (who has appeared numerous times on the Nancy Grace Show on CNN Headline News and Court TV). Thomas deals with cases involving questioned and disputed documents, medical and insurance fraud, anonymous letters, handwriting and typewriter identification, ink analysis and latent fingerprint detection.

He teaches monthly seminars on Identity Theft and it's relation to forgery. Mr. Grogan also works in close association with Dan Starks from NBC6's "Don't Be a Victim" and "Partners Against Crime" segments and Starks Training Institute Inc. Thomas is also an independent instructor with Forensics 101 Inc, a science education initiative that offers a wide selection of individual workshops and group programs for schools, daycares, libraries, church groups, home school groups, community youth groups, festivals, community events, and more.

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