



Jefferson County Kentucky Infested With Meth Labs Trying To Curb Meth Production By Electronic MethCheck

Border hopping by Methamphetamine suppliers has increased over the years, forcing the law enforcement on both the sides of the Ohio River to come to terms to curb the illegal activities of the Methamphetamine suppliers in Indiana who cross border to obtain a common ingredient to prepare this illicit drug in Kentucky. Governor Steve Beshear said that this collaboration was in response to the growth in the number of meth labs near Kentucky's border for avoiding detection by a statewide system that track the purchases of common cold and sinus drugs that contain pseudoephedrine, a key component of Methamphetamine.

This pilot partnership would enable the Indiana counties to take part in the electronic MethCheck program of Kentucky without any cost for one whole year. So far these ordinances have been passed by the Floyd and Clark counties in Indiana and these counties are to be linked to the electronic system. The Kentucky officials said that this arrangement would limit pseudoephedrine purchases.

Kentucky officials are in the process of discussion to encourage participation from other Indiana counties and at present active talks are going on with the Ohio and Tennessee officials with an attempt of spreading the partnership across the border. Beshear said that around 29 percent of the meth labs discovered in 2008 in Kentucky were found to be situated in Jefferson County in areas like Louisville or the neighboring Bullitt County.

Jefferson County Sheriff John Aubrey is of the opinion that this measure would diminish the number of meth labs on both sides of the river. Beshear believes that the MethCheck program would curtail meth production. He informed that in the first nine months, MethCheck has recorded over 850,000 sales and more than 13,000 transactions have been blocked that might have led to a law violation.

MethCheck, run by Appriss Inc., works electronically by enabling the police to review the pharmacy logs and identify the suspicious buying patterns. The system would also allow the police to look for people who have exceeded the legal limits. Aubrey tried to focus on the point that this whole process initially took one or two days, but now, this is a matter of just ten minutes.