



**REPORT TO THE  
ALABAMA LEGISLATURE  
BY THE  
ALABAMA DRUG ABUSE TASK FORCE  
APRIL 12, 2011**

Alabama Attorney General  
Alabama State Board of Pharmacy  
Alabama Department of Public Safety  
Alabama District Attorneys Association  
Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police  
Alabama Sheriff's Association  
Alabama Narcotic Officers Association  
Regional County Drug Task Forces

Report prepared by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center



## **Report to the Alabama Legislature by the Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force April 12, 2011**

### **Executive Summary**

This report is provided to the Alabama Legislature by the *Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force* in fulfillment of the requirements of Act 2010, which was passed by the Alabama Legislature in 2009 and became effective in Alabama on January 1, 2011. Act 2010-215, which amended Section 20-2-190 (as last amended by Act 2009-283, Acts 2009, p. 483) of the Code of Alabama 1975. While the previous law had required that all over-the-counter (OTC) cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine be placed *"behind a counter where the public is not permitted or placing the products in a locked display case so that a customer wanting access to the packages must ask a store employee for assistance,"* the new law added the requirement of an electronic sales tracking system for pseudoephedrine (PSE) products.

Under the authority of Alabama Act 2010-215, an electronic record is now created for each transaction of an attempted purchase of over-the-counter (OTC) cold and allergy medications in Alabama through the *National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx)* system. The NPLEx system also is being used to log and issue stop-sale alert notifications to Alabama retailers for purchasers violating the quantity limits of legally purchasing a total of 3.6 grams per day, or no more than 9 grams per 30 days, of products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine. These amounts are now consistent with federal statutory limits.

Act 2010-215, the electronic log is only available in its entirety to law enforcement or through a subpoena of the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC), ensuring the privacy rights of lawful PSE purchasers. The NPLEx system also issues stop-sale alert notifications to purchasers violating the quantity limits of legally purchasing products containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.

Many state and local law enforcement agencies, as well as professional associations, worked together with the Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force to ensure that their constituencies were educated on the new requirements and responsibilities of this law. In addition to the Task Force member agencies, the Task Force received tremendous assistance and cooperation from Alabama District Attorneys Association (ADAA), the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC), the Alabama Alcoholic and Beverage Control (ABC) Board, Alabama drug enforcement agents, the Alabama Pharmacy Association, Alabama



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Retailers Association, the Petroleum and Convenience Marketers of Alabama (PCMA) and the Alabama Grocers Association to notify pharmacies and retailers who sell PSE products about the law and of the penalties if they are not in compliance.

The NPLeX electronic log now is being used by approximately 97% of Alabama's pharmacies as required by the law. More than 147 state, federal and local law enforcement agencies have been trained on and have registered to use the NPLeX system. Under current law, non-pharmacy stores that sell PSE products must obtain a pseudoephedrine license from the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board. As of March 31, 2011, only 41 of the 4,351 PSE licensed stores have registered to participate in the legally mandated system.

In its first quarter of operation, Alabama's new electronic sales tracking system has **blocked 26,354 attempted purchases**, accounting for a total of 64,000 grams, of over-the-counter (OTC) cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, precursors used to make the illegal drug Methamphetamine (*see Exhibits 1 and 2, attached*). The system also **documented 399,345 sales**, accounting for a total of 829,875 grams, of lawfully-purchased quantities of the precursors during the same quarter (*see Exhibits 3 and 4, attached*).

Under current Meth manufacturing processes, law enforcement reports that one gram of PSE typically produces one gram of Meth. Using this 1-to-1 ratio, the Task Force can report that this law has blocked 64,000 grams of Meth from being manufactured. Current street values of Meth in Alabama are approaching \$150 per gram. In only the first three months of 2011, this law has prevented \$9.6 million dollars of Meth from poisoning Alabama communities.

Although the Task Force notes these accomplishments, our work is not done. The benefits of this law cannot be fully achieved without increased participation at all levels. Drug abuse destroys Alabama communities, neighborhoods, and families. The Task Force pledges to continue its duty to inform and assist the Alabama Legislature in its efforts to strengthen enforcement, encourage prevention and treatment of drug abuse, and support other entities also involved in this effort.

## Background

The manufacturing and abuse of Methamphetamine (Meth) has left a devastating effect on the lives of Alabamians, endangering communities and costing this state millions in prevention efforts, enforcement and clean-up of contaminated properties. Although it is created using a variety of process that often includes a combination of chemicals such as acetone, lithium, ether, red phosphorus, and anhydrous ammonia, the primary precursor source for domestic Meth production is cold and allergy medicine containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine. Law enforcement are at an added danger due to the often agitated and paranoid state of a Meth user as well and the violent nature of the Meth culture.

The manufacturing process used to make Meth endangers not only any person near this caustic process but also creates lasting toxic effects upon hotels rooms, homes, and all other property where Meth labs



are discovered. Meth also takes a horrible toll on the human body. No ingredient in the manufacturing process of Meth is a natural substance. From drain cleaner to starter fluid, it poisons the body and destroys the mind of the user. The physical effects of Meth lead to malnutrition, skin disorders, ulcers, lung and heart disease and other cardiovascular diseases. In addition, frequent use results in mental illness, suicide and violent death. Amphetamine-induced psychosis is a paranoid state that develops after ingestion or the injection of Meth.

The Alabama Legislature recognized the dangers of Meth and has enacted a wealth of laws to aid law enforcement and prosecutors in the prevention, investigation, apprehension and prosecution of Meth manufacturing, sells and trafficking. The Legislature recognized that the one essential ingredient in the manufacturing process of Meth is cold and allergy medicine containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine sold at retail stores and pharmacies. Although these substances are an important source of legitimate relief for many allergy and cold sufferers, Meth cannot be created without these products. Meth manufacturers enlist the aid of persons to buy large quantities of PSE products, circumventing legally restricted access through a technique called 'smurfing'.

The Alabama Legislature began addressing these concerns with the enactment of Section 20-2-190, Code of Alabama 1975. For the first time, non-pharmacies were required to obtain a pseudoephedrine license from the ABC Board. This law also required that every store, pharmacy or non-pharmacy, that sold PSE products were required to create paper logs to document PSE transactions beginning October 1, 2005.

### **2010 Amendment to the Methamphetamine Task Force Law**

In 2010, the Alabama Legislature passed Act 2010-215 amending Section 20-2-190 of the Code of Alabama 1975. This Act maintained the regulation of PSE products, but now provided for an electronic verification system operated by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC) without cost to the state or retailers, replacing the prior paper-based system. The Act provided further penalties for non-compliance and revised the membership on the former *Methamphetamine Abuse Task Force* to create the *Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force*, which is charged with reporting to the Legislature "on the state of abuse and misuse of drugs and related precursors in Alabama, and to make recommendations regarding changes to the law and public policy that may aid in curbing such abuse and misuse."

The new law, which became effective on January 1, 2011, was passed by the Alabama Legislature to be more effective in limiting the illegal purchases of PSE products while balancing the legitimate access to these products for Alabama citizens. Under the new statute, a person may purchase 3.6 grams of PSE per day, not to exceed 9 grams within a 30-day period.

As the previous law had required, all over-the-counter (OTC) cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine are to be placed "*behind a counter where the public is not permitted or placing the products in a locked display case so that a customer wanting access to the packages must ask a store employee for assistance.*"



## NPLEx

An electronic record is now created for all purchases or attempted purchase of OTC cold and allergy medications in Alabama through the *National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx)* system. The secure NPLEx system also is being used to log and issue stop-sale alert notifications to Alabama retailers for purchasers attempting to violate the quantity limits established under this law.

Act 2010-215 requires purchasers of PSE products to show **government-issued** photographic identification at the time of the purchase. The system can scan a customer's photo identification such as a driver's license, or use the information from the ID entered manually by the retailer at the point of sale, through the NPLEx portal.

The NPLEx system logs the name and address of the purchaser, the time and date of the sale, the name of the product being sold, and the total quantity in grams of PSE being sold. The system sends an instant message recommending the denial of sale to the retailer when a transaction exceeds the legal limit.

The information is automatically transferred to the NPLEx database where it is reviewable **only** by law enforcement. By statute, the information contained in the entire database is made available by ACJIC only to qualifying Alabama law enforcement agencies and users or pursuant to a subpoena.

Each retailer may only access the specific information *they* have entered into the NPLEx system.

The penalty for a seller's failure to comply with the new law is as follows: Class C misdemeanor on first offense; Class A misdemeanor on second offense; and Class C felony on third or subsequent offense.

This statute does not apply to products dispensed through a legitimate prescription.

Access to the NPLEx system is being provided to Alabama law enforcement, pharmacies and retailers at **no cost** to the state or retailers through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ACJIC and the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI).

## Drug Abuse Task Force

The *Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force* includes members representing the Alabama Attorney General's office, the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy, the Alabama Department of Public Safety, Alabama District Attorneys Association, the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police, the Alabama Sheriff's Association, and the Alabama Narcotic Officers Association, as well as one regional county drug task force member appointed by the Alabama District Attorneys Association (ADAA) and one appointed by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP).

### ***Authority***

Act 2010-215 provided *Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force* with the following authority:

- To develop education and training programs that will curb the abuse of Methamphetamine precursors used to make Methamphetamine or other illegal or abused drugs in the State of



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Alabama. These programs shall be targeted for employees of establishments where ephedrine or pseudoephedrine products are available for sale and may further serve to educate and inform the public. The programs shall be administered by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in conjunction with its program to restrict access to tobacco products by minor pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 28;

- To advise the ABC Board regarding its responsibilities prescribed in this article;
- To report to the Legislature as requested on the state of abuse and misuse of drugs and related precursors in Alabama and make recommendations regarding changes to the law and public policy that may aid in curbing such abuse and misuse; and
- Instruct ACJIC in the creation of the electronic PSE sales tracking system to assist law enforcement in the prevention of illegal drug activity.

### ***Actions to Date***

The *Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force* has met four (4) times at the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, 201 S. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama. These meetings were held on August 26, 2010, December 14, 2011, February 14, 2011 and March 28, 2011.

The *Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force* has accomplished:

- Instructed the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC) to into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NADDI to establish an electronic PSE sales tracking system using the Point of Sale (POS) system administered for NADDI by software provider Appriss;
- Adopted "Save Teens" (an Alabama law enforcement based drug prevention program administered by agents of the ABC Board) and "Zero Meth" (administered by ADAA) as prevention and education programs to curb the abuse of Methamphetamine precursors used to make Methamphetamine or other illegal or abused drugs in the State of Alabama;
- Supported the training of law enforcement, pharmacy and retail users on the NPLeX system;
- Through the ADAA, ACJIC, the Alabama Board of Pharmacy, the ABC Board, worked with the Alabama Pharmacy Association, Alabama Retailers Association, the Petroleum and Convenience Marketers of Alabama (PCMA) and the Alabama Grocers Association to notify pharmacies and retailers who sell PSE products about the law and of the penalties if they are not in compliance. *These associations have voluntarily and at their own expenses notified their membership of the requirements of this Act;*
- Worked with ADAA to help local District Attorney's inform/educate local law enforcement about the new law; and
- Worked with ACJIC to ensure that local, state and federal law enforcement agencies are aware of their ability to register to access information included in the NPLeX database. To date, over 147 Law Enforcement Agencies have signed up through ACJIC for NPLeX accounts.



## Retail Sale Registration Compliance

The following statistics for the period of Jan. 1 – March 31, 2011 were compiled for the *Task Force* by the *Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center* (ACJIC), the state agency responsible for gathering and providing critical information to Alabama's law enforcement and criminal justice community. ACJIC is charged under the new law with providing law enforcement with access to the NPLeX system and to report its usage to the *Task Force*.

*"Effective January 1, 2011 ... a retailer shall submit the required information to the electronic sales tracking system established under subdivision (1) of subsection (h)..."*

From January 1 – March 31, 2011, precursor retailers were using the electronic sales tracking system, NPLeX, in compliance as follows:

- **1042** Licensed Pharmacies (representing 97% of Alabama pharmacies which sell PSE products over-the-counter);
- **41** Non-pharmacy retailers (representing less than 1% of non-pharmacy retail business in Alabama registered with the Alabama ABC Board as selling ephedrine products). *It is important to note that some non-pharmacy retailers have notified the ABC Board of their decision to no longer sell PSE products since the implementation of this new law.*

*"The seller shall not complete the sale if the system generates a stop sale alert except when the seller follows the procedures described under subsection (h) for overriding the state sale alert when the seller has fear of bodily harm".*

As of March 31, 2011, there were 399,345 total sales, accounting for a total of 829,875 grams of over-the-counter cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine (PSE). Alabama's new internet-based electronic sales tracking system has **blocked 26,354 individual attempted PSE purchases** which would have violated the legal daily or 30-day quantity limits. **This accounted for a total of 64,000 grams** of precursors used to make the illegal drug Methamphetamine. *See Exhibits 1 and 2 attached.*

## Conclusion

In its first quarter of operation, Alabama's new internet-based electronic tracking system designed to record each transaction of an attempted purchase of over-the-counter (OTC) cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, precursors used to make the illegal drug Methamphetamine has **blocked 26,354 attempted purchases**, accounting for a total of 64,000 grams, of over-the-counter (OTC) cold and allergy medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, precursors used to make the illegal drug Methamphetamine. The system also **documented 399,345 sales**, accounting for a total of 829,875 grams, of lawfully-purchased quantities of the precursors during the same quarter.



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In the first quarter of 2011, a total of 64,000 grams of PSE products were prevented from being manufactured into Meth in Alabama. Under current manufacturing processes, Alabama law enforcement estimates that for every gram of PSE, one gram of meth can be produced. Using this 1-to-1 ratio, the Task Force can report that this law has blocked 64,000 grams of Meth from being manufactured. Current street values of Meth in Alabama are approaching \$150 per gram. In only the first three months of 2011, this law has prevented \$9.6 million dollars of Meth from poisoning Alabama communities.

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This report is respectfully submitted to the Alabama Legislature by the Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force Task Force on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

  
Barry Matson, *Chairman*  
Alabama Drug Abuse Task Force

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## **Attachments**

- Exhibit 1** – Grams Blocked, January 1 – March 31, 2011 (See Map and Chart, Pages 8-10)
- Exhibit 2** – Grams Blocked Per Capita, January 1 – March 31, 2011 (See Map and Chart, Pages 11-13)
- Exhibit 3** – Grams Sold, January 1 – March 31, 2011 (See Map and Chart, Pages 14-16)
- Exhibit 4** – Grams Sold Per Capita, January 1 – March 31, 2011 (See Map and Chart, Pages 17-19)





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The following chart shows county-by-county statistics of the grams of PSE precursors **BY TOTAL GRAMS BLOCKED** by the NPLeX system during the system's first quarter of use in Alabama (January 1 – March 31, 2011):

	County	Total Grams Sold	Total Grams Blocked	Population	Grams Sold per Capita	Grams Blocked per Capita
1	Mobile	102,909.18	11,846.37	412,992	0.25	0.03
2	Cullman	37,703.97	7,060.74	80,406	0.47	0.09
3	Jefferson	87,529.01	4,420.71	658,466	0.13	0.01
4	Madison	61,027.33	4,192.98	334,811	0.18	0.01
5	Calhoun	36,421.02	3,672.40	118,572	0.31	0.03
6	Baldwin	42,134.14	2,803.60	182,265	0.23	0.02
7	Marshall	25,804.46	2,608.66	93,019	0.28	0.03
8	Tuscaloosa	33,205.25	2,509.14	194,656	0.17	0.01
9	Russell	18,414.53	1,902.75	52,947	0.35	0.04
10	Houston	24,708.85	1,753.32	101,547	0.24	0.02
11	Shelby	42,569.29	1,711.38	83,593	0.51	0.02
12	Etowah	17,967.47	1,657.10	104,430	0.17	0.02
13	Talladega	14,816.50	1,624.44	82,291	0.18	0.02
14	Morgan	21,586.35	1,526.64	119,490	0.18	0.01
15	St. Clair	13,227.72	1,185.12	195,085	0.07	0.01
16	Coffee	11,037.10	1,034.88	49,948	0.22	0.02
17	Geneva	7,508.54	929.52	26,790	0.28	0.03
18	Walker	13,773.16	915.66	67,023	0.21	0.01
19	Montgomery	25,588.54	795.23	229,363	0.11	0.00
20	DeKalb	9,874.93	727.14	71,109	0.14	0.01
21	Limestone	13,035.27	725.94	82,782	0.16	0.01
22	Winston	6,508.07	631.44	24,484	0.27	0.03
23	Lee	16,383.98	585.60	140,247	0.12	0.00
24	Jackson	6,529.39	570.96	53,227	0.12	0.01
25	Pike	7,266.20	558.00	32,899	0.22	0.02
26	Fayette	5,498.52	501.24	17,241	0.32	0.03
27	Chilton	7,955.34	469.44	43,643	0.18	0.01
28	Franklin	6,109.33	460.32	31,704	0.19	0.01
29	Lauderdale	14,374.94	432.75	92,709	0.16	0.00
30	Chambers	6,080.28	420.96	34,215	0.18	0.01
31	Bibb	3,129.53	419.76	22,915	0.14	0.02
32	Colbert	7,274.60	383.52	54,428	0.13	0.01
33	Dale	4,633.93	366.48	50,251	0.09	0.01
34	Autauga	8,048.99	366.42	54,571	0.15	0.01
35	Blount	4,652.87	350.76	57,322	0.08	0.01



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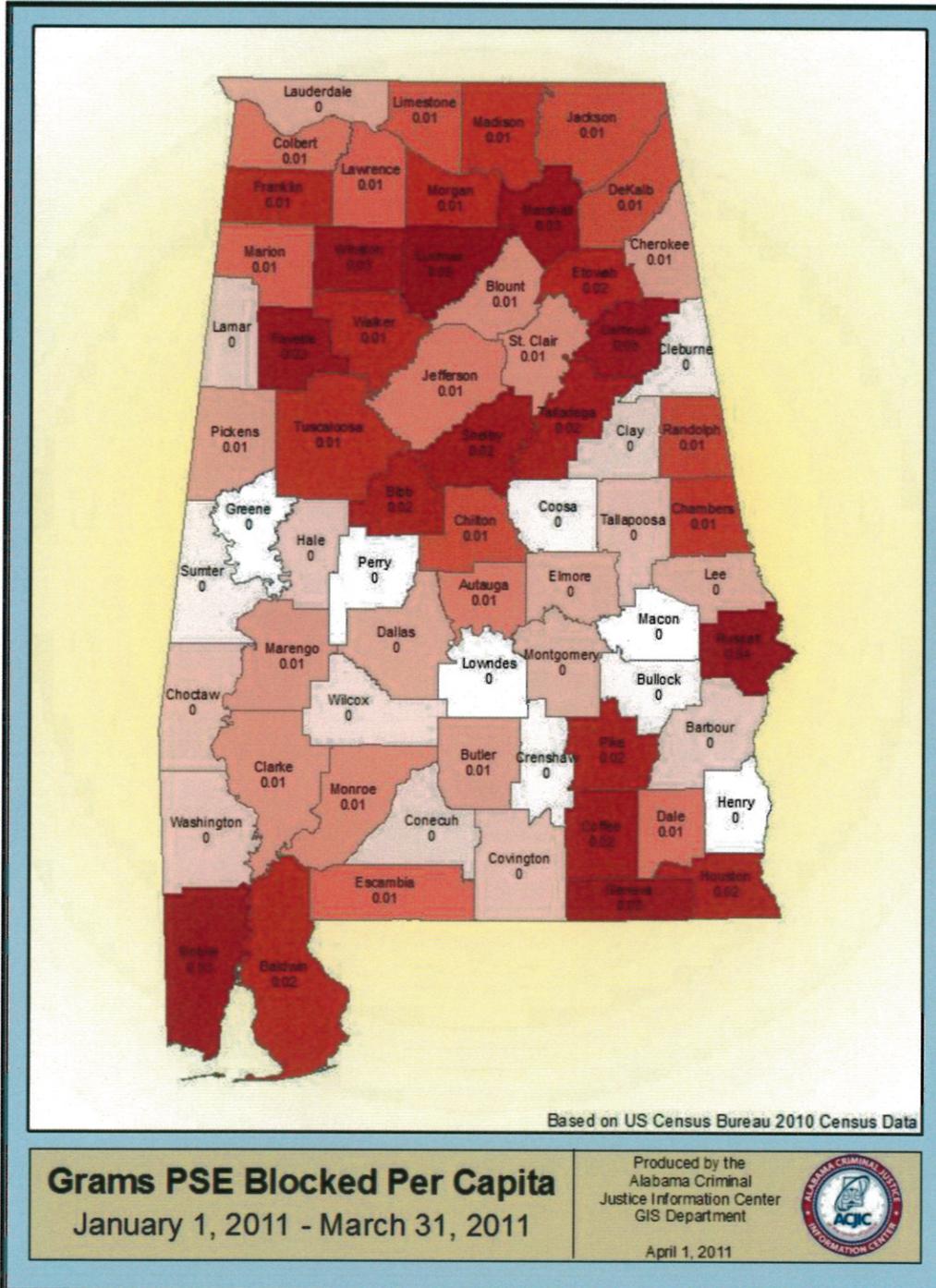
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	County	Total Grams Sold	Total Grams Blocked	Population	Grams Sold per Capita	Grams Blocked per Capita
36	Elmore	10,427.52	342.24	79,303	0.13	0.00
37	Escambia	5,409.55	296.79	38,319	0.14	0.01
38	Lawrence	3,319.73	263.40	34,339	0.10	0.01
39	Randolph	3,188.93	261.84	22,913	0.14	0.01
40	Marion	3,474.06	233.28	30,776	0.11	0.01
41	Dallas	4,067.04	206.40	43,820	0.09	0.00
42	Clarke	3,898.16	157.56	25,833	0.15	0.01
43	Monroe	2,399.19	149.52	23,068	0.10	0.01
44	Cherokee	2,243.65	135.12	25,989	0.09	0.01
45	Tallapoosa	4,530.15	128.88	41,616	0.11	0.00
46	Covington	6,070.54	116.04	37,765	0.16	0.00
47	Marengo	2,626.23	115.80	21,027	0.12	0.01
48	Butler	2,022.98	106.50	20,947	0.10	0.01
49	Pickens	2,420.16	100.08	19,746	0.12	0.01
50	Choctaw	1,147.54	42.24	13,859	0.08	0.00
51	Barbour	2,078.43	28.86	27,457	0.08	0.00
52	Washington	269.83	24.00	17,581	0.02	0.00
53	Hale	594.71	22.80	15,760	0.04	0.00
54	Lamar	589.89	14.40	14,564	0.04	0.00
55	Conecuh	547.46	12.00	13,228	0.04	0.00
56	Clay	383.54	12.00	13,932	0.03	0.00
57	Wilcox	424.76	8.64	11,670	0.04	0.00
58	Cleburne	344.88	8.64	14,972	0.02	0.00
59	Sumter	431.35	7.20	13,763	0.03	0.00
60	Coosa	13.92	2.88	11,539	0.00	0.00
61	Crenshaw	729.60	2.40	13,906	0.05	0.00
62	Bullock	375.31	2.40	10,914	0.03	0.00
63	Macon	372.36	1.20	21,452	0.02	0.00
64	Henry	185.16	-	17,302	0.01	0.00
65	Greene	-	-	9,045	0.00	0.00
66	Lowndes	-	-	11,299	0.00	0.00
67	Perry	-	-	10,591	0.00	0.00



**EXHIBIT 2**

**GRAMS OF PSE PRECURSORS BLOCKED PER CAPITA BY THE NPLEX SYSTEM DURING THE SYSTEM'S FIRST QUARTER OF USE IN ALABAMA (JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2011)**



**Grams PSE Blocked Per Capita**  
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The following chart shows county-by-county statistics of the grams of PSE precursors **by Grams Blocked PER CAPITA (per person)** by the NPLEx system during the system's first quarter of use in Alabama (January 1 – March 31, 2011):

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1	Cullman	37,703.97	7,060.74	80,406	0.47	0.09
2	Russell	18,414.53	1,902.75	52,947	0.35	0.04
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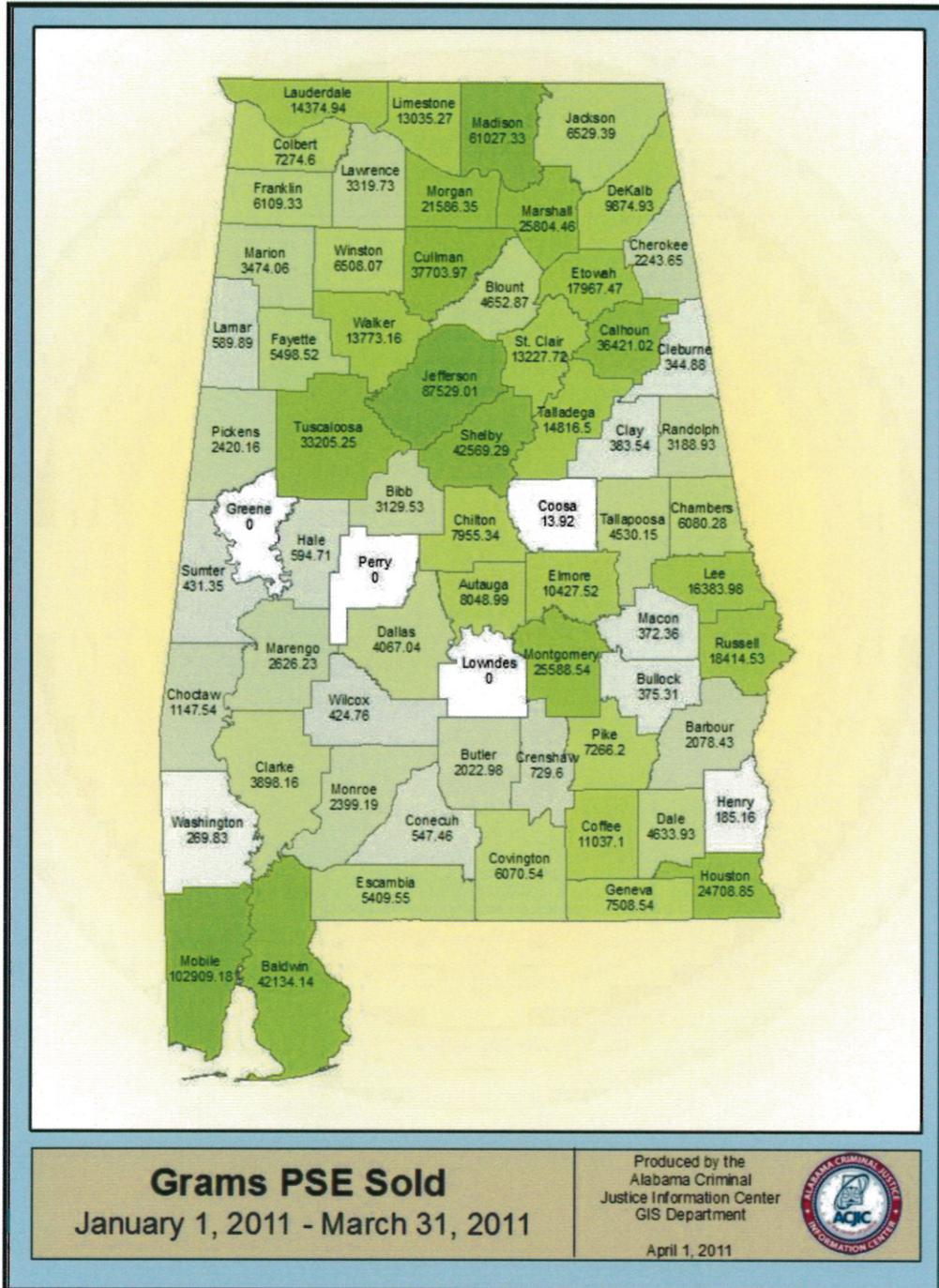
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44	Lauderdale	14,374.94	432.75	92,709	0.16	0.00
45	Elmore	10,427.52	342.24	79,303	0.13	0.00
46	Lee	16,383.98	585.60	140,247	0.12	0.00
47	Montgomery	25,588.54	795.23	229,363	0.11	0.00
48	Tallapoosa	4,530.15	128.88	41,616	0.11	0.00
49	Covington	6,070.54	116.04	37,765	0.16	0.00
50	Choctaw	1,147.54	42.24	13,859	0.08	0.00
51	Hale	594.71	22.80	15,760	0.04	0.00
52	Washington	269.83	24.00	17,581	0.02	0.00
53	Barbour	2,078.43	28.86	27,457	0.08	0.00
54	Lamar	589.89	14.40	14,564	0.04	0.00
55	Conecuh	547.46	12.00	13,228	0.04	0.00
56	Clay	383.54	12.00	13,932	0.03	0.00
57	Wilcox	424.76	8.64	11,670	0.04	0.00
58	Cleburne	344.88	8.64	14,972	0.02	0.00
59	Sumter	431.35	7.20	13,763	0.03	0.00
60	Coosa	13.92	2.88	11,539	0.00	0.00
61	Bullock	375.31	2.40	10,914	0.03	0.00
62	Crenshaw	729.60	2.40	13,906	0.05	0.00
63	Macon	372.36	1.20	21,452	0.02	0.00
64	Greene	-	-	9,045	0.00	0.00
65	Henry	185.16	-	17,302	0.01	0.00
66	Lowndes	-	-	11,299	0.00	0.00
67	Perry	-	-	10,591	0.00	0.00



**EXHIBIT 3**

**Grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine precursors (PSE) Sold**, as verified by the NPLex system during the system's first quarter of use in Alabama (January 1 – March 31, 2011)





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The following chart shows county-by-county statistics **by grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine precursors (PSE) SOLD**, as verified by the NPLex system during the system's first quarter of use in Alabama (January 1 – March 31, 2011):

	County	Total Grams Sold	Total Grams Blocked	Population	Grams Sold per Capita	Grams Blocked per Capita
1	Mobile	102,909.18	11,846.37	412,992	0.25	0.03
2	Jefferson	87,529.01	4,420.71	658,466	0.13	0.01
3	Madison	61,027.33	4,192.98	334,811	0.18	0.01
4	Shelby	42,569.29	1,711.38	83,593	0.51	0.02
5	Baldwin	42,134.14	2,803.60	182,265	0.23	0.02
6	Cullman	37,703.97	7,060.74	80,406	0.47	0.09
7	Calhoun	36,421.02	3,672.40	118,572	0.31	0.03
8	Tuscaloosa	33,205.25	2,509.14	194,656	0.17	0.01
9	Marshall	25,804.46	2,608.66	93,019	0.28	0.03
10	Montgomery	25,588.54	795.23	229,363	0.11	0.00
11	Houston	24,708.85	1,753.32	101,547	0.24	0.02
12	Morgan	21,586.35	1,526.64	119,490	0.18	0.01
13	Russell	18,414.53	1,902.75	52,947	0.35	0.04
14	Etowah	17,967.47	1,657.10	104,430	0.17	0.02
15	Lee	16,383.98	585.60	140,247	0.12	0.00
16	Talladega	14,816.50	1,624.44	82,291	0.18	0.02
17	Lauderdale	14,374.94	432.75	92,709	0.16	0.00
18	Walker	13,773.16	915.66	67,023	0.21	0.01
19	St. Clair	13,227.72	1,185.12	195,085	0.07	0.01
20	Limestone	13,035.27	725.94	82,782	0.16	0.01
21	Coffee	11,037.10	1,034.88	49,948	0.22	0.02
22	Elmore	10,427.52	342.24	79,303	0.13	0.00
23	DeKalb	9,874.93	727.14	71,109	0.14	0.01
24	Autauga	8,048.99	366.42	54,571	0.15	0.01
25	Chilton	7,955.34	469.44	43,643	0.18	0.01
26	Geneva	7,508.54	929.52	26,790	0.28	0.03
27	Colbert	7,274.60	383.52	54,428	0.13	0.01
28	Pike	7,266.20	558.00	32,899	0.22	0.02
29	Jackson	6,529.39	570.96	53,227	0.12	0.01
30	Winston	6,508.07	631.44	24,484	0.27	0.03
31	Franklin	6,109.33	460.32	31,704	0.19	0.01
32	Chambers	6,080.28	420.96	34,215	0.18	0.01
33	Covington	6,070.54	116.04	37,765	0.16	0.00
34	Fayette	5,498.52	501.24	17,241	0.32	0.03



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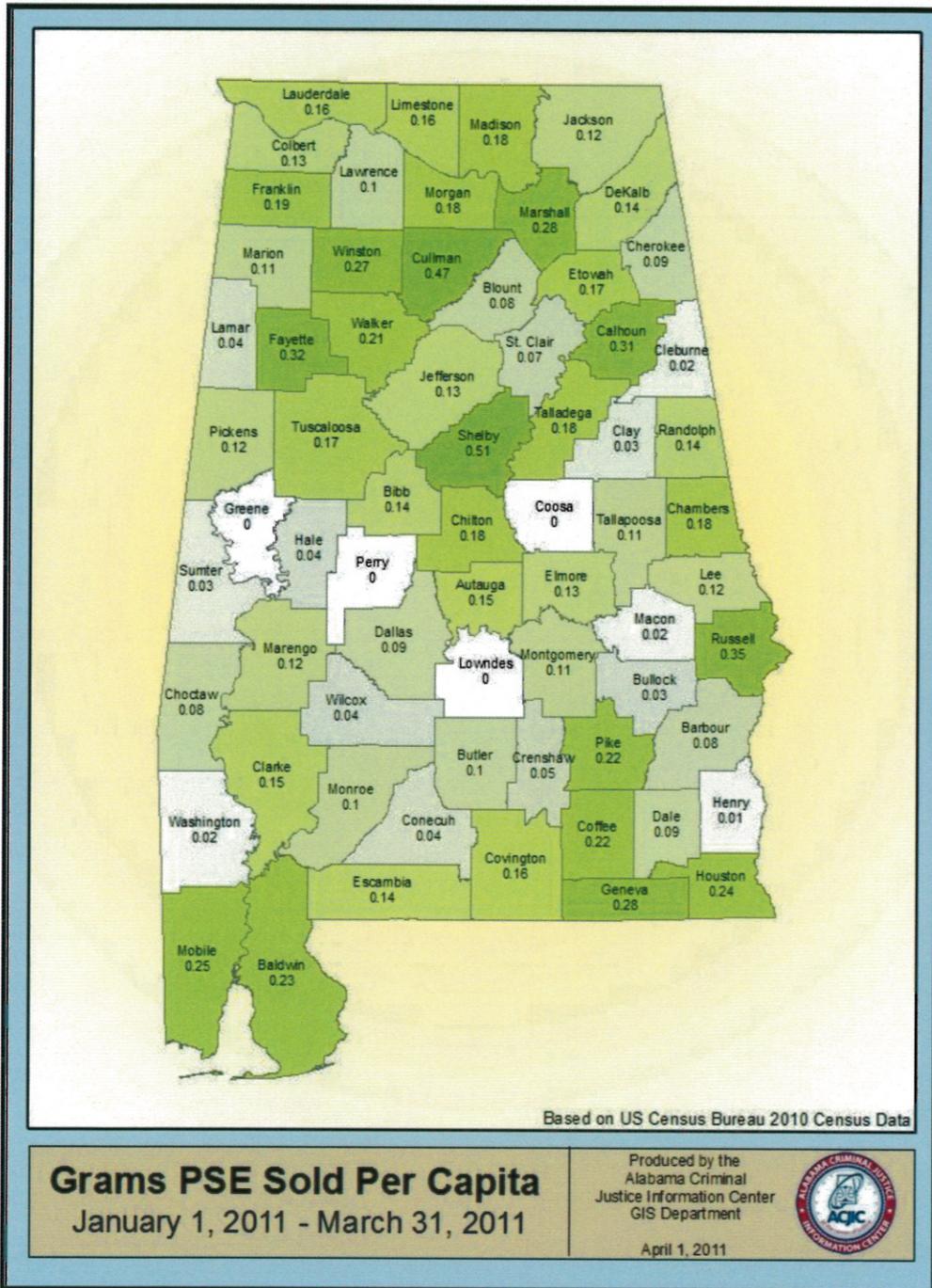
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	County (Alabama)	Total Grams Sold	Total Grams Blocked	Population	Grams Sold per Capita	Grams Blocked per Capita
35	Escambia	5,409.55	296.79	38,319	0.14	0.01
36	Blount	4,652.87	350.76	57,322	0.08	0.01
37	Dale	4,633.93	366.48	50,251	0.09	0.01
38	Tallapoosa	4,530.15	128.88	41,616	0.11	0.00
39	Dallas	4,067.04	206.40	43,820	0.09	0.00
40	Clarke	3,898.16	157.56	25,833	0.15	0.01
41	Marion	3,474.06	233.28	30,776	0.11	0.01
42	Lawrence	3,319.73	263.40	34,339	0.10	0.01
43	Randolph	3,188.93	261.84	22,913	0.14	0.01
44	Bibb	3,129.53	419.76	22,915	0.14	0.02
45	Marengo	2,626.23	115.80	21,027	0.12	0.01
46	Pickens	2,420.16	100.08	19,746	0.12	0.01
47	Monroe	2,399.19	149.52	23,068	0.10	0.01
48	Cherokee	2,243.65	135.12	25,989	0.09	0.01
49	Barbour	2,078.43	28.86	27,457	0.08	0.00
50	Butler	2,022.98	106.50	20,947	0.10	0.01
51	Choctaw	1,147.54	42.24	13,859	0.08	0.00
52	Crenshaw	729.60	2.40	13,906	0.05	0.00
53	Hale	594.71	22.80	15,760	0.04	0.00
54	Lamar	589.89	14.40	14,564	0.04	0.00
55	Conecuh	547.46	12.00	13,228	0.04	0.00
56	Sumter	431.35	7.20	13,763	0.03	0.00
57	Wilcox	424.76	8.64	11,670	0.04	0.00
58	Clay	383.54	12.00	13,932	0.03	0.00
59	Bullock	375.31	2.40	10,914	0.03	0.00
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61	Cleburne	344.88	8.64	14,972	0.02	0.00
62	Washington	269.83	24.00	17,581	0.02	0.00
63	Henry	185.16	-	17,302	0.01	0.00
64	Coosa	13.92	2.88	11,539	0.00	0.00
65	Greene	-	-	9,045	0.00	0.00
66	Lowndes	-	-	11,299	0.00	0.00
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**EXHIBIT 4**

**Grams of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine precursors (PSE) Sold Per Capita (per person) by the NPLeX system during the system's first quarter of use in Alabama (January 1 – March 31, 2011)**





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	County (Alabama)	Total Grams Sold	Total Grams Blocked	Population	Grams Sold per Capita	Grams Blocked per Capita
1	Shelby	42,569.29	1,711.38	83,593	0.51	0.02
2	Cullman	37,703.97	7,060.74	80,406	0.47	0.09
3	Russell	18,414.53	1,902.75	52,947	0.35	0.04
4	Fayette	5,498.52	501.24	17,241	0.32	0.03
5	Calhoun	36,421.02	3,672.40	118,572	0.31	0.03
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7	Marshall	25,804.46	2,608.66	93,019	0.28	0.03
8	Winston	6,508.07	631.44	24,484	0.27	0.03
9	Mobile	102,909.18	11,846.37	412,992	0.25	0.03
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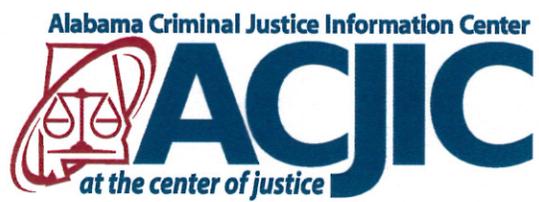


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