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Attorney General Charlie Crist News Release

February 27, 2003

Grand Jury Report On Prescription Drugs Released

Tallahassee-Attorney General Charlie Crist and Statewide Prosecutor Peter Williams today released the First Interim Report of the Seventeenth Statewide Grand Jury. The grand jury examined the sale and re-sale of counterfeit prescription drugs in the pharmaceutical wholesale market in Florida.

"Most of all we thank the members of the grand jury for their hard work and commitment to serving the state," Crist said. "Additionally, Governor Bush is to be commended for calling an investigation into this important issue."

Governor Jeb Bush petitioned the Florida Supreme Court to empanel the grand jury in December 2002 based on information provided by the Statewide Prosecutor and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The Attorney General shares the grand jury's concerns and plans to develop legislation, along with the Office of the Governor, based on the recommendations contained in the report. Please see the report at http://myfloridalegal.com/swp for additional information.

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