

## ***Significant Diversion Cases***

The **San Diego Regional Pharmaceutical Narcotic Enforcement Team (RxNET)** conducted 16 investigations which resulted in 16 arrests during January and February. The arrests were for 11173(a) H&S, Obtaining a controlled substance by fraud; 459(b) PC, commercial burglary; 11351 H&S, possession for sale of a specific controlled substance; 4059 B&P, furnishing dangerous drugs without a prescription; and 3056 PC, parole violations. The predominant drugs of abuse were Vicodin, Codeine compounds, and Xanax.

**Los Angeles BNE Diversion** is continuing its large-scale investigation into a Southern California doctor that has been overprescribing Oxycontin and other opiate-based pharmaceuticals. In a ten month period, one pharmacy conducted \$2.4 million in sales of the prescriptions from the doctor. There have been deaths attributed to the overprescriptions. This case is being investigated with the Medical Board, Pharmacy Board, Medi-Cal Fraud, and the Ventura County Sheriff's Homicide Unit.