

How to Reduce Drug Trafficking Charges

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Florida has a seriously high rate of drug trafficking due to the plethora of ports and access. [The South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area](#) was created in an effort to assist law enforcement agencies with drug-related threats to public safety.

Over the last three years, the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area has seized an average of \$713 million worth of [illicit drugs](#) per year from regional and international drug trafficking organizations. These drugs include marijuana, cocaine, heroin, Ecstasy, methamphetamine, and several types of pharmaceutical medications.

It is important to understand the consequences of [drug trafficking](#) and exactly what the law spells out for these types of crimes. If you ask any [criminal defense lawyer](#), he or she will be able to interpret the law for you, but for now, they are as follows:

[Florida Statutes](#) for Trafficking Marijuana:

Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, in excess of 25 pounds of cannabis, or 300 or more cannabis plants, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in cannabis."

- More than 25 lbs, but less than 2,000 lbs = 3 years + \$25,000 fine
- More than 300 plants, but less than 2,000 plants = 3 years + \$25,000 fine
- More than 2,000 lbs, but less than 10,000 lbs = 7 years + \$50,000 fine
- More than 2,000 plants, but less than 10,000 plants = 7 years + \$50,000 fine
- More than 10,000 lbs or plants = 15 years + \$200,000 fine

[Florida Statutes](#) for Trafficking Cocaine:

Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 28 grams or more of cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4., or of any mixture containing cocaine, but less than 150 kilograms of cocaine or any such mixture, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in cocaine."

- More than 28g, but less than 200g = 3 years + \$50,000 fine
- More than 200g, but less than 400g = 7 years + \$100,000 fine
- More than 400g, but less than 150kg = 15 years + \$250,000 fine
- More than 150 kg = life imprisonment

Drug Trafficking Defense

[Criminal Defense Lawyers](#) use experience handling drug crimes and our knowledge of Florida law to reduce charges from trafficking to drug possession. Often a criminal defense lawyer can help their clients avoid prison by encouraging them to immediately start community service or complete a drug class.

- Entrapment: Sometimes, police officers will trick an individual into committing a crime they otherwise would not have committed. If this describes your situation, a defense team will defend you by arguing entrapment and attempt to have your case dismissed.
- Illegal search and seizure: If the evidence against you was obtained without a search warrant, a defense attorney will file a motion to suppress evidence, which may cause the prosecution to reduce or drop the charges against you.
- False allegation: If you were charged for trafficking Oxycodone or Roxycodone and you have a prescription for these drugs, our firm will work to have your case dismissed.
- Guilty pleas: When there is significant evidence against our client, such as in some cases of marijuana cultivation and grow houses, a guilty a plea may be the best option. Guilty pleas can often reduce or eliminate jail time.

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