

How are Drug Traffickers are Using the Internet and Getting Away with it?

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Drug-related crime covers a significant percentage of all crime committed in South Florida. Many officials believe that the huge drug problem in our area is due to the close proximity to international ports. International ports make it much easier for drug traffickers to transport large amounts of drugs to South Florida for distribution elsewhere. However, criminals are becoming more creative with their distribution methods – including using the Internet.

Drug Distribution

According to an article in WPTV News, a new form of drug distribution is catching the attention of law enforcement. Two U.S. senators are asking federal authorities to crack down on a secretive narcotics market operated on the Internet with anonymous sales and untraceable currency.

Heroin, cocaine and methamphetamines are among the drugs being sold in the well-protected website apparently operating for just a few months.

Sens. Charles Schumer of New York and Joe Manchin of West Virginia say they asked the Justice Department and Drug Enforcement Administration to shut down and investigate the website, often referred to as the Silk Road after an ancient Asian trade route.

A key to the illicit trade is use of a network by buyers and sellers that conceals their identity. Websites including Gawker have reported on the site, according to the article.

Drug Crimes in South Florida

Drug related crimes are such easy money that people who never expected to get involved with drugs end up

selling them. South Florida recognizes the rising statistics with drug-related crimes that the area is becoming famous for its aggressive penalties. In fact, most prosecutors don't stop with just drug related crimes; they continue on to prosecute residual crimes that are committed due to the use of or involvement with drugs.

Drug Crime Criminal Defense

If you have been accused of or [charged with any drug crimes](#), contact a criminal defense lawyer. Only an experienced [criminal defense lawyer](#) from South Florida understands how difficult this process may be. Have a lawyer explain your options to you and help you build a strong strategy so you can have a second chance at life.

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