

**An informant recently turned over the below document he received titled, " Spot an Undercover Narcotic Agent" that is allegedly being distributed among drug dealers in the New York City area. The document explains in detail how drug traffickers can attempt to identify undercover narcotics agents. It is alleged that another document is to be produced and distributed, in a similar manner, with the intent to assist drug dealers on how to spot and avoid surveillance by law enforcement.**

#### Spot An Undercover Narcotic Agent

Most undercovers will try to be assertive and press their demands upon the seller. They try to use information, time and power. The undercover will first get all the information on you he can collect. By maintaining complete silence about your operation and changing your pattern constantly you should be able to avoid having any undercover investigation unit being capable of putting together a "Body of Information" that will make you a target. Even if you should become a target, constant changes in your pattern will make it hard for such undercover or narcotic unit to plan how to hit you're your operation or shut it down.

Never conduct large or small sales outside of locations of your own choosing. Make sure that all transaction is conducted in a location that you have a good degree of control and security over. This allows maximum back-up from rip-offs, or stick-ups, and you could provide firepower if there is a need to call off the sale due to undercover infiltration. Most undercovers won't take the risk of placing you in custody if they are outnumbered by guns, but, if they should you decide you are not going to be taken in custody, you have a better chance of disarming them when you have maximum firepower available.

Most undercover officers will try to get the dealer to compromise his security. They will try to make the dealer or organizations believe that the dealing being made at the time is just the beginning of a strong relationship. The undercover will try to make a mutual agreement that all deals in the future be conducted in a location that they both agree on. This arrangement must be rejected immediately and continuously for it compromises security not only if it is an undercover, but also if the dealer is legitimate. Never of with the demands of the purchaser, always control the entire negotiation.

Now to deal with time. Time is a major part of every drug transaction. A lot of police believe that we want to get the product out of our hands as quick as possible to avoid being caught. But, once again a well-organized operation is not concerned with how long they hold their product as long as they can get the proper profit out of it. It is always beneficial to limit your time of possession of the product, because the purpose is to limit the quantity of product and increase your capital. Both of these commodities are of great value, therefore, it is important that you develop a strategy for protecting them. This strategy is your survival plan and it mostly directed against the undercover officers. Most undercover's will use time constraints as a way of pushing the deal ahead quickly and unplanned. The street smart undercover will use and emphasize that he is short for time and that the deal should go down now (that is one alert signal). Whenever a deal is being rushed there should always be a need for you to suspect you may be dealing with an undercover agent.

The undercovers have also been known to carry airline tickets, train tickets, bus, etc., this is done to make the dealer believe that the undercover must leave town or go somewhere in a hurry and needs to complete the deal right away. By creating these time constraints the undercover leaves the dealer with the belief that he has only a limited period of time in which to

complete the transaction. Never give into time constraints and always be alerted to such excuses being given by purchasers. (Sign of undercover or possible informant).

In addition to these imagined time constraints, there is always real pressure of the undercover to rush or push the deal through or along. The skilled undercover will recognize a “street smart dealer” and may not push for the deal because he knows pushing this dealer before gaining his trust will only foster doubt and suspicion. This skilled undercover knows that nothing builds trust better than the passage of time. These skilled undercovers will shut down a negotiation down and walk away. It is suggested that a plan be implemented by the dealer or organization that will allow for such persons who back out of deals or fit the above criteria’s to be followed and tracked to determine their legitimacy in the game.

The undercover always improves his chances for penetrating a dealer’s organization if he creates competition. The undercover will let the dealer know that he has other possible sources who will supply him and who are competing for his business. Most of the time they will represent to the dealer that they are not satisfied with the quantity or quality. This is done as leverage to the negotiating in order to force the dealer to modify his plans to the undercover conditions. The skilled undercover knows that the failure to contest the location and conditions of the deal means that the dealer has quietly agreed to meet the undercovers requirements. By placing the demand of the dealer and making the dealer believe that he will walk away from the deal unless the dealer goes with his demands, the skilled undercover forces the dealer to decide between his need for money, and his need to control the location and conditions of the actual transaction. The skilled undercover knows that most dealers will chose the money. If you do, the he know that he can manipulate the location and set you up for a easier arrest. Always refuse the undercover’s or purchaser’s demand for a change of plans. The most that can happen is that the deal will be shut down and the purchaser will walk away. (remember this person must be followed to determine his legitimacy). I am very experienced in spotting undercovers and I know their traits and character from living in the street and knowing the law. In future series I will write on the issue of how to set the undercover up should you find yourself in the presence of one. We will deal with how to get his picture distributed among the hustling community. What to do if your dealings with such undercover has already reached the “possible indictment” stage, and why its important that once you have been duped that you don’t let such undercover get away with it.