

Environmental Crime

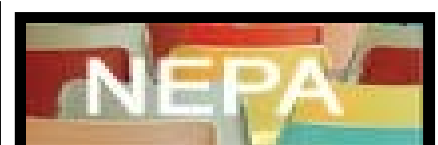
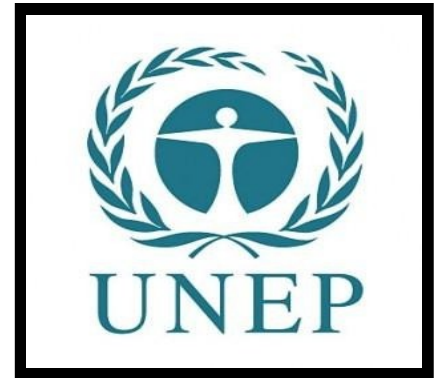
A growing business for organised
crime and corruption

A Scottish perspective

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Environmental Crime – An International Issue

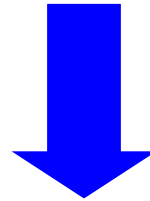


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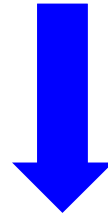
- Crime groups are poly-crime: money laundering, drugs, violence, human trafficking and murder.
- Concealing assets behind semi-legitimate and legitimate businesses.
- Organised Crime always looks for another opportunity.
- Environment-Low Risk – High Profit



The Next '**BIG OPPORTUNITY**' for Organised Crime



Environmental Crime



It's already happening!



DEALER EXPOSED

Exclusive: Businessman revealed as drugs baron despite his claims in court

By GORDON CURRIE

A COMPANY director who claimed he only had cocaine for his addict son can today be exposed as a drugs baron.

Calum Menzies told a court last week that 5685 of cocaine found in his bedroom was for his son, to protect him from outside dealers.

Menzies was granted bail after claiming he needed his freedom to continue running Fair City Skips, who employ four people.

But the Sunday Mail can reveal that Menzies, 47, was convicted of having a church full of cannabis worth thousands of pounds last year.

And senior Crown officials who investigated Menzies after the incident discovered that he had made a fortune from drugs.

They raised a Proceeds of Crime case and Menzies was ordered to hand back £106,000.

Fiscal deputy Alan Kempton confirmed: "His latest previous conviction is for producing a controlled drug."

As a result he was subject to an investigation under Proceeds

of Crime Act legislation and ordered by a sheriff at Forth on July 14 to pay £106,000.

Mr Kempton also confirmed that £12,000 in cash was found lying around Menzies' Perth home during the raid on February 25 this year when cocaine was seized.

Menzies - whose wife owns eight flats - said he made the money from his skip-hire firm and had to keep cash because the Crown prohibited his banking rights.

In January last year, Menzies admitted "knowingly permitting" a disused church he owned to be used as a cannabis factory.

At Perth Sheriff Court last week, he admitted supplying cocaine - on the basis that he was only giving it to a family member.

Menzies, of Scott Street, Perth, pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of cocaine at his home on February 25 this year.

Sentence was deferred until November for reports and Menzies was freed on bail.



Previous:
 Calum Menzies

FIREARM IS FOUND AS POLICE MAKE TWO DRUGS BUSTS

Officers swoop on farmhouse and flat

By **BRYAN BROUGH**

A STASH of deadly drugs and a firearm have been found during two dramatic raids by undercover cops.

The haul of drugs, believed to be amphetamine worth tens of thousands of pounds, was discovered at a farmhouse in the Foxbar area of Paisley.

While carrying out a room-by-room search officers came across a firearm – but have refused to reveal any details about it.

They also unearthed a large amount of drugs cash, thought to run to a five figure sum of at least £20,000.

It's understood the weapon was not loaded and is now with ballistic experts who will examine it to find out if it has been used in any recent robberies.

The squad of officers also swooped on a flat in Foxbar which was only a few streets away from the farmhouse.

There they found more drugs but a much smaller quantity. The value remains unknown.

All drugs seized are being examined at a police laboratory.

The haul is the biggest found in Paisley for some time.

The two raids, just minutes apart, happened on the morning of January 21 but details were revealed by police

for the first time yesterday.

Police wearing, stab-proof vests, swooped on the farmhouse first, around 11am that Friday.

That led to the arrest of two men followed by a third man hours later. Then came the second swoop at a flat in the Orchy Crescent area of Foxbar.

A resident there said: "There were quite a few cops in the street. They got out of a couple of vehicles.

"Later I heard about the farmhouse raid and thought they might be linked. Then I heard they were."

A spokesman for Strathclyde Police said: "Drugs, thousands of pounds in cash and a firearm have been seized by officers from Strathclyde Police in Paisley.

"Around 1100 hours on Friday, January 21, officers acting with the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency and acting under warrant searched a farm and house in the Foxbar area of Paisley.

"A firearm, pepper spray and over £33,000 in cash were also recovered.

"Three men, aged 62, 41, and 33, have been arrested in connection with the recovery.

"A full report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal."

Chief Superintendent David Stewart, of Paisley police office, added: "The arrest of these three suspects shows that we are constantly working to rid the community of drug dealers.

"It is simply unacceptable for drug

dealers to sell their poison in the community and profit from their illegal lifestyle.

"I have no doubt that taking this amount of drugs and drug paraphernalia from the street will have a significant impact on its availability."

He continued: "I also want to take this opportunity to reassure the public that we are not only tackling the drug dealers but all the other issues surrounding drug dealing in our community, from anti-social behaviour to violent crime.

"This operation is certainly not a one-off. If you are involved with drugs at whatever level, from street dealer or higher up the chain, we are coming to get you."

Over the last couple of years police in the Paisley area have seized millions of pounds in drugs and a cache of firearms.

The most recent was a swoop on a Rowan Street pub and a nearby house in the town.

There they are alleged to have found drugs and guns.

At a yard off Meadowside Street, Renfrew, officers dug up 100 kilos of amphetamines.

And at a printing firm in Scotts Road, Paisley, cops uncovered a tonne of cannabis with a street value of millions of pounds.

Murder Enquiry at a Waste Site



Thug admits murdering pal and dumping his body in a landfill site after birthday party fight

A VIOLENT hood yesterday admitted murdering his pal and burying his body in an unmarked grave at a landfill site.



What are we doing about it?



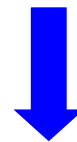
Investigate
Environmental Crime



**The Same Organised
Crime Groups**



Investigate
'Traditional' Crime



How do we meet the challenge?

What are we doing about it?

- **Joint operations**
- **International collaboration**
- **Legislative change**
- **Intervening upstream**

Scotland's Environmental Crime Task Force



ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS IN SCOTLAND



Challenges

- Staying within our remit
- Staff safety
- Potential for corruption
- Competing priorities amongst partner organisation
- Organised criminals are always looking for the next opportunity

The Benefits of our Approach

- Benefits for Scotland's environment: improved environmental protection
- Benefits for legitimate businesses
- Protection of Scotland's communities from the harms of organised crime.

Conclusion

- Environmental crime is being undertaken by organised crime groups
- They need to be tackled before they become embedded and drive out legitimate business
- A wide toolkit is required to identify the right methods, tools and tactics required
- Toolkit must involve national and international partnership working