



DON'T GET TRAPPED

DRUG TRAFFICKING ISN'T WORTH YOUR FUTURE
THE TRUTH ABOUT DRUG TRAFFICKING



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Message from the Director of CANU

Every day, we confront the harsh reality of what drug trafficking truly is. Not a story of success or survival, but a cycle of loss and destruction. Behind every shipment seized, every arrest made, there's a life cut short, a family torn apart, a dream that will never be realised. Too many people, especially our young men and women, are being pulled into this illusion of quick wealth and easy power, only to find themselves trapped in a nightmare that ends in prison or death.



This booklet isn't here to entertain or soften the truth. It's here to open your eyes. **DRUG TRAFFICKING GIVES NOTHING OF REAL VALUE. IT STEALS YOUR FREEDOM, YOUR FUTURE, AND YOUR PEACE.** The so-called "big players" you hear about don't tell you about the ones who lose everything, the couriers caught at airports, the addicts whose lives spiral out of control, the parents who never stop grieving.

At the Customs Anti Narcotic Unit, our mission goes beyond enforcement. We want to protect the next generation from becoming another statistic or headline. We want you to understand what's really at stake. Your choices today can define the rest of your life.

Read this booklet with that in mind. Don't let temporary temptation become a permanent mistake. **KNOWLEDGE IS YOUR DEFENCE, AND TRUTH IS YOUR POWER.**

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Introduction

You've probably heard it before: "easy money," "quick hustle," "no big deal." That's how drug trafficking is sold to young people. What they don't tell you is the full story: it's a one-way trip to prison, a criminal record that stays with you forever, and in some cases, a deadly outcome.

Drug trafficking isn't a side job or a shortcut. It's a trap meant to use you while someone else profits. The risks always fall on you, including time behind bars, damage to your family, and losing your future.

Once you're caught, there's no "reset button" You can't undo a conviction or remove your name from the system. The world moves on, but you're left dealing with the consequences. Opportunities like jobs, travel, and even education become out of reach.

And here's the harsh truth: those who pull you into it will disappear the moment things go wrong. They won't sit in the cell with you. They won't explain to your mother why her child threw away their future. They won't pay the price; you will.

This is why you need to think twice before making a move you can't take back. The promise of quick money is never worth a lifetime of regret.

This booklet is here to give you the truth. No sugar-coating, no false promises. Just the reality: drug trafficking takes more than it ever gives.

The Bait: DON'T GET Trapped!

Drug traffickers are clever and dangerous. They understand you seek independence, respect, and financial freedom. So, they lure you with precisely what appears most tempting:

- **Quick Cash**

They flaunt money as if it's easy to come by, suggesting a single job that can change your life. But what they omit is that once you take that first step, you're in deep. You can't simply "walk away" when you wish to. The cash comes with chains, real ones.

- **Respect and Status**

They play on your desire to seem important or untouchable.

They'll tell you, "People will respect you if you roll with us." But true respect isn't gained by risking jail. It's earned by standing on your own two feet, not by being someone else's pawn.

- **Promises of Protection**

Traffickers may claim, "We'll look out for you." The reality? They'll exploit you until you get caught. When things go awry, they disappear, and you're left holding the bag, literally.

- **Targeting Your Struggles**

They know some teenagers face difficult situations, financial problems, family stress, or feel like no one's on their side. They manipulate those struggles to draw you in. But what seems like an escape is really a deeper pit.

- **The Illusion of Control**

They'll tell you it's just one time that you're in control. But one time leads to two, then ten, until you realise you're trapped. You're not the boss of the operation; they are.



Bottom line: Traffickers don't care about you. They care about profit. Every promise they make is bait. And every time you bite, you risk your freedom, your safety, and your life.

THE REALITY CHECK

Drug trafficking isn't a movie. It's not fast cars, designer clothes, or easy money. It's long hours looking over your shoulder, risking your freedom, and carrying a weight that will crush you sooner or later.

- **Prison Is Real**
If you're caught, even once, you face years behind bars. Not days. Not weeks. Years. And prison isn't some "pause button." Life outside moves on while you're stuck in a cell. Friends grow up, families change, and opportunities vanish.
- **A Record That Sticks**
Even if you get out, the conviction follows you everywhere. Want a job? Employers check. Want to travel? Border check. Want to study abroad or chase your dreams? That record shuts doors before you even knock.
- **The Danger Runs Deep**
Drug trafficking isn't just about being arrested. It puts you in the middle of dangerous people who don't play fair. One mistake, one deal gone wrong, and your "quick hustle" could turn into a life or death situation.
- **Your Family Pays Too**
It's not just you who suffers. Your parents, siblings, and loved ones carry the shame, the worry, and the heartbreak. While you sit behind bars, they sit with the weight of your choices.
- **No "Happy Ending"**
The people recruiting you make it sound like there's an escape plan. But the truth? Very few get out clean. Most end up locked up, broke, or worse. Drug trafficking doesn't have a retirement plan; it has a dead end.

The reality check is simple: drug trafficking takes everything your freedom, your future, and your life and gives you nothing lasting in return.

The Legal Consequences

Drug trafficking isn't just "breaking the rules" ... it's breaking the law in the most significant way possible. And the law does not play around. Here's what it really means if you get caught:

- **Serious Jail Time**
This isn't like being grounded or doing community service. We're talking years, sometimes decades, behind bars. Once the judge makes that call, your freedom is gone.
- **A Criminal Record That Follows You Everywhere**
Even after prison, the record stays. It's like a shadow you can't shake off. Applying for a job, a visa, or even school? That record pops up and shuts the door.
- **No Bail, No "Easy Out"**
With serious charges like trafficking, bail isn't guaranteed. That means you could sit in prison for years waiting for trial before you're even sentenced.
- **Losing Opportunities**
Travel becomes nearly impossible. Countries deny entry to people with trafficking convictions. Careers that require trust, such as teaching, security, or government work, are completely off the table.
- **Family Fallout**
The law doesn't just punish you; it also punishes everyone around you. Your family deals with court costs, visits to prison, and the heavy stigma of having a relative convicted for trafficking.

Bottom line: The law doesn't care about excuses. Once you're caught, the system takes over, and your life is no longer in your hands.

Understanding Guyana's Narcotic Law (Chapter 10:10)

The Law in Simple Terms

Guyana's Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act (Chapter 10:10) sets the rules for how the country deals with illegal drugs. It explains what drugs are banned, what counts as breaking the law, and the penalties for people who make, sell, or use them illegally.



Why It Exists

This law was made to:

- Stop the production and trafficking of narcotics
- Protect communities from drug-related harm
- Support medical and scientific use (with permission only)
- Give law enforcement the power to act when rules are broken

Legal vs Illegal Drugs in Guyana

Category	Examples	Legal Use	Illegal Use
Prescription drugs	Codeine, Morphine, Diazepam	With a valid prescription	Without prescription
Common narcotics	Cocaine, Crack, Heroin	None	Any possession, use, sale, or trafficking
Marijuana (Cannabis)	Weed, Ganja	None (limited decriminalisation talk)	Growing, selling, or large possession
Synthetic drugs	Ecstasy, Methamphetamine, LSD	None	Any making, use, or sale
Inhalants	Glue, spray paint	Household use	Using to get high
Alcohol & tobacco	Rum, beer, cigarettes	Legal for 18+	Sale or use under 18

Even small amounts count; ignorance is not an excuse.

How It Affects You

Real Scenarios - How Teens Get Caught

- Holding for a friend, if you hide a drug bag, it's still possession.
- Sharing weed, that's distribution, counted as trafficking.
- Mixing pills and alcohol, if the pills are controlled, it's illegal.
- Just a puff, even small marijuana use can lead to arrest.

Know Your Rights

Law Enforcement can **STOP, SEARCH, AND ARREST** if they have reasonable suspicion. They must identify themselves and provide a clear explanation. If you're under 18, a parent, guardian, or probation officer should be present.

Your Rights:

- You can ask for a lawyer.
- You have the right to remain silent.
- You can request that your parent or guardian be informed immediately.

Penalties

- **Possession:** fines or prison (even for first offences)
- **Trafficking:** long sentences and property forfeiture
- **Supplying to minors:** can mean life imprisonment
- **Using your property for drug crime:** the home/car can be seized

Key Takeaways

Having or sharing narcotics is illegal - no safe amount. Ignorance isn't an excuse. Being around drugs can still cause legal trouble. Legal substances can cause harm if misused.

Knowing the law isn't fear- it's power.

Understanding Guyana's Narcotic Law helps young people make smart decisions. Staying informed keeps you safe and protects your future. Part of the National Drug Education Series: **'What You Don't Know About Drugs'**.

Real Stories

THE REAL COST - WHAT HAPPENS TO DRUG TRAFFICKERS

True stories. Real endings. Harsh lessons.

Drug trafficking is never a good idea. Stories about it usually end badly ... people get caught, go into hiding, or worse, end up dead. This story talks about real examples from Guyana, the Caribbean, and other places in the world, showing how chasing quick money can lead to big problems fast. There's no honour, no peace, just loss and regret.

The Harsh Truth

Behind every big story about “fast money” and “living large” is another story about arrest, betrayal, or death. Drug trafficking looks glamorous from the outside, the cars, the cash, the attention, but it always ends badly. The same people who celebrate you will disappear or turn on you when the law shows up.

Real Cases That Prove the Point

Christopher “Dudus” Coke - What Happens to Drug Traffickers

Christopher “Dudus” Coke was once a feared Caribbean crime boss, leading Kingston's Shower Posse in drug trafficking between the Caribbean and the U.S. His reputation ended in 2010 when, after the U.S. requested extradition on drug and gun charges, his own community turned into a war zone. Armed supporters fought security forces in Kingston to prevent his capture. More than 70 people were killed, including innocent civilians, and Jamaica declared a state of emergency.

Eventually, Coke was caught and extradited to the United States, where he pleaded guilty to racketeering and drug trafficking. In 2012, he was sentenced to 23 years in federal prison. The man once treated like a “Robin Hood” in his neighbourhood is now locked away in a U.S. super-secure facility, cut off from the world he used to rule.



Lesson: No matter how high you climb in the drug trade, the fall is always harder, and the end is always the same.

Sandra Ávila Beltrán – The “Queen of the Pacific”

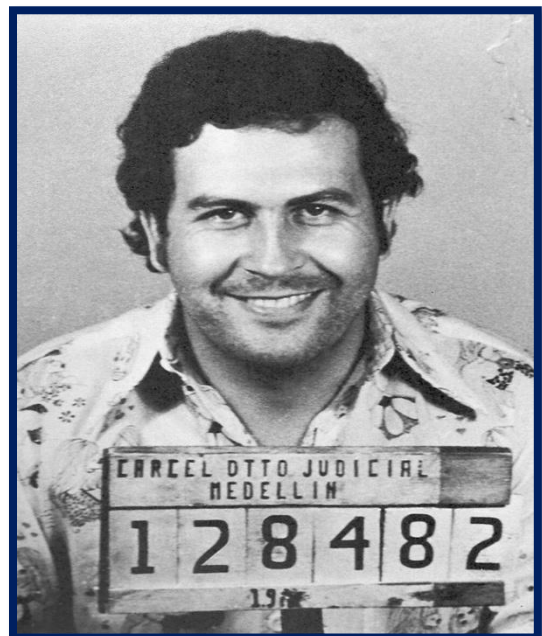
Sandra Ávila Beltrán, known as “La Reina del Pacífico,” helped move tonnes of cocaine through Mexico’s Pacific routes in the late 1990s and early 2000s. She used charm, influence, and family ties rather than violence, growing up in a wealthy, dangerous environment linked to the drug trade. Known for her glamorous lifestyle, she mingled with politicians, celebrities, and traffickers, hiding her illegal activities behind a successful business facade. In 2007, after years of investigation, authorities arrested her for drug trafficking and money laundering. She served time in Mexico and the U.S., and her glamorous reputation was replaced by infamy and regret.



Lesson: The glamour disappears the moment the cuffs go on, and connections can't protect you from justice. The drug world may look attractive from the outside, but it always ends the same way, with everything lost.

Pablo Escobar – The “Richest Criminal” Who Died in Hiding

Pablo Emilio Escobar was once the most feared and powerful drug lord in the world. From the late 1970s to the early 1990s, his Medellín Cartel controlled nearly 80% of the global cocaine trade, flooding North America and Europe with the drug and generating billions of dollars each year. Escobar built mansions, private zoos, and even funded schools and housing projects to win public favour. To many, he appeared like a “Robin Hood”. But behind the image was a man responsible for bombings, kidnappings, and the deaths of thousands, including judges, police officers, and innocent civilians. By the early 1990s, Escobar’s violent empire began to collapse. The Colombian government, with U.S. support, launched a relentless manhunt. His



cartel members turned against him, and rivals sought revenge. Once surrounded by wealth and loyalty, Escobar spent his final years hiding in safe houses to escape capture. In December 1993, his luck finally ran out, and he was killed in a gunfight with police in

Medellín. His empire vanished as quickly as it had risen, leaving behind chaos, bloodshed, and a country scarred by violence.

Lesson: Power, money, and fame mean nothing when they come from crime. Escobar ruled a billion-dollar empire but died alone, running from justice, proving no one is bigger than the law.

Dole Chadee – Trinidad’s Kingpin Who Died for His Crimes

Dole Chadee, once known as “the Godfather of Trinidad”, controlled a massive cocaine trafficking network during the 1980s and early 1990s. He lived like royalty, with mansions, luxury cars, and armed guards, but his empire was built on violence, intimidation, and corruption. Eventually, his crimes caught up with him: he and eight of his gang members were convicted of multiple murders and executed by hanging in 1999 in Trinidad and Tobago.



Lesson: Even the most feared traffickers can’t escape justice. Power built on fear and drugs always ends in destruction.

El Chapo Guzmán – The Drug Lord Who Can’t Escape His Cage

Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán was once the world’s most powerful drug trafficker, the head of Mexico’s Sinaloa Cartel. He ran an empire that smuggled tonnes of cocaine, heroin, and meth across continents and built secret tunnels, bribed officials, and even escaped prison twice. But in 2016, his luck ran out. He was captured and extradited to the United States, and in 2019, he was sentenced to life in prison plus 30 years. Today, he’s locked away in a maximum-security U.S. prison (ADX Florence), isolated 23 hours a day, with no contact with the outside world.



Lesson: No matter how high you rise in the drug trade, you end up trapped, if not in a cell, then in constant fear.

Shervington “Big Head” Lovell – Guyana’s Kingpin Who Lost It All

Shervington Lovell, known as “Big Head”, was a major Guyanese drug trafficker who operated across the Caribbean and the United States. For years, he lived in luxury, travelling on private jets, owning lavish properties, and building influence in high circles. But beneath the wealth was an international cocaine network. In 2018, Lovell was arrested in Jamaica as part of a joint U.S./Caribbean investigation. He was later extradited to the United States and sentenced to prison for cocaine trafficking and money laundering. The fortune, the fame, and the flash all disappeared overnight.



Lesson: No matter how powerful you think you are, once law enforcement closes in, it's game over. Crime never ends well...it only ends faster than you expect.

Young Faces, High Stakes

When Teens Get Pulled In - Real LIFE Stories

Not all drug traffickers are adults. Every year, teens are caught up in drug smuggling or selling, sometimes by choice, sometimes because older people trick or pressure them. These are real stories from around the world that show how fast a “small risk” can ruin a young life.



Guyana: 14-year-old in Popeyes car park bust (2018)

A 14-year-old boy was caught up in a major drug bust in Georgetown. Police seized over 10 kilograms (about 22 pounds) of cocaine from a parking lot right outside a Popeyes restaurant on Vlissengen Road. Watchful officers from the Customs Anti Narcotics Unit (CANU) observed as an adult transferred a bag into a red minibus, where the teen and two other men were passengers. A search uncovered wrapped bricks of cocaine, ready for the streets. Though the young boy was released on bail of G\$200,000, the three adults remain behind bars, facing serious charges. This case highlights how dangerous and damaging drug trafficking is to people and communities.

Lesson 1: older players often use minors as “cover”

Lesson 2: Even a young teen, simply present in a vehicle where trafficking happens, becomes part of the case. The “just giving a ride” line won’t cut it.

¹Stabroek News

I News Guyana²

¹ <https://www.stabroeknews.com/2018/08/18/news/guyana/boy-14-among-four-charged-after-22lb-cocaine-bust/>

² <https://inewsguyana.com/14-yr-old-among-four-charged-with-trafficking-22lbs-cocaine/>

Guyana: 15-year-old charged with ganja trafficking (2007).

Police searched a city residence and found 471 g of cannabis; three adults and a 15-year-old were charged with trafficking. The teen was granted bail.

Lesson: Being “in the house” where drugs are found can still pull a teen into a trafficking charge.

³Stabroek News

Guyana: Couple + 15-year-old in cocaine case (2011)

A couple and a 15-year-old were remanded after being jointly charged with cocaine trafficking.

Lesson: Adults sometimes front the operation, but minors still face serious custody outcomes.

⁴Stabroek News

Guyana: 14-year-old girl detained in West Ruimveldt drug bust (December 2020)

A 14-year-old girl was caught in West Ruimveldt, Georgetown, during a police raid. They found over 11 pounds of cannabis hidden under her bed. At the time, it was believed she was alone in the house.

Lesson: Being in a home where large-scale cultivation or stock is present doesn't shield you. Youth do get arrested and processed by the system.

I News Guyana⁵

³ <https://www.stabroeknews.com/2007/02/13/news/guyana/15-year-old-three-others-accused-of-ganja-trafficking/>

⁴ <https://www.stabroeknews.com/2011/08/23/news/guyana/couple-teen-remanded-over-cocaine-in-kunds/>

⁵ <https://inewsguyana.com/14-yr-old-among-four-charged-with-trafficking-22lbs-cocaine/>

Jamaica: 16-year-old detained at airport with adult (2018)

A 16-year-old female student at St Catherine's High was arrested at NMIA (Kingston) along with a 26-year-old woman. They were booked for possession, dealing, and steps toward export of ganja (cannabis), approximately 6 lbs (three parcels), found in luggage as they checked in for a flight to Barbados.

Lesson: Airport “one-time” courier jobs end in lifelong consequences.

⁶Jamaica Observer

Jamaica: Teen sentenced for cocaine offences (2002)

A teenager was fined and given 15 months’ hard labour after cocaine was found in a
Lesson: courts treat trafficking by minors as a serious crime, with prison time.

⁷Jamaica Observer

Barbados: Teen charged with trafficking & cultivation (2015)

A Barbadian teen was charged with possession with intent to supply, trafficking, and cultivation after police seized 94 lbs. of cannabis plants.

Lesson: “Growing for friends” becomes trafficking when the scale is large.

⁸Nation News

Barbados: Teen with multiple drug convictions (2021)

A High Court judge publicly rebuked a teen who racked up eight drug convictions (plus an ammo offence) before voting age.

Lesson: early offences snowball fast, closing doors before adulthood.

⁹Nation News

⁶ <https://www.jamaicaobserver.com/2018/03/21/woman-teen-girl-held-with-ganja-at-nmia/>

⁷ <https://www.jamaicaobserver.com/2002/12/27/teenager-fined-sentenced-to-15-months-for-cocaine/>

⁸ <https://nationnews.com/2015/08/16/teen-charged-in-drug-trafficking/>

⁹ <https://nationnews.com/2021/09/18/judge-scolds-teen-drugs-ammo/>

A 19-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman have been sentenced to nine years in a Zimbabwean prison for drug smuggling.¹⁰

Tihaise Darlin Elisha and Taylor Tamara Simone, two British teenagers, found themselves in serious trouble at Zimbabwe's Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport last May. Authorities say they appeared "suspicious" after arriving from Thailand, which led to a search. It was then that over 66kg of cannabis was discovered hidden in their four suitcases. Both teenagers were sentenced to nine years in prison. Fortunately, three years of that sentence are suspended if they behave well. The UK Foreign Office is aware and states that they are assisting the detained British nationals and collaborating with Zimbabwean authorities. But this serves as a harsh reminder that carrying illegal drugs in Zimbabwe can lead to severe penalties.

Lesson: Think twice before making risky choices on travels...it can change your life forever.

Pregnant British teen arrested for drug smuggling in Georgia released after guilty verdict

In a recent prominent case, British teenager Bella Culley was arrested in May 2025 at Tbilisi International Airport in Georgia for attempting to smuggle a large amount of marijuana and hashish. The 19-year-old was travelling in Asia when she went missing in Thailand before flying to Georgia.

Culley pleaded not guilty to the drug charges, telling the court she was a victim of human trafficking and was "tortured" and forced to carry the drugs by a gang. Her lawyer stated she was threatened with a hot iron to coerce her into travelling with the suitcase filled with drugs, and she displayed a scar on her wrist as evidence in court. After spending nearly six months in an ex-Soviet prison, she was freed in November 2025 under a plea agreement.¹¹

Lesson:

- When you agree to carry someone else's bag or package, you take full responsibility for what's inside.
- Criminal networks prey on the young, the kind, and the naive, promising travel, gifts, or love, only to use them as mules.
- One bad decision can destroy your freedom, reputation, and peace of mind.
- Always ask questions, stay alert, and never let anyone convince you to risk your life for their gain.
- The drug trade doesn't care who you are... once you're caught, you're trapped.

¹⁰ <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ckgyrx99rkko>

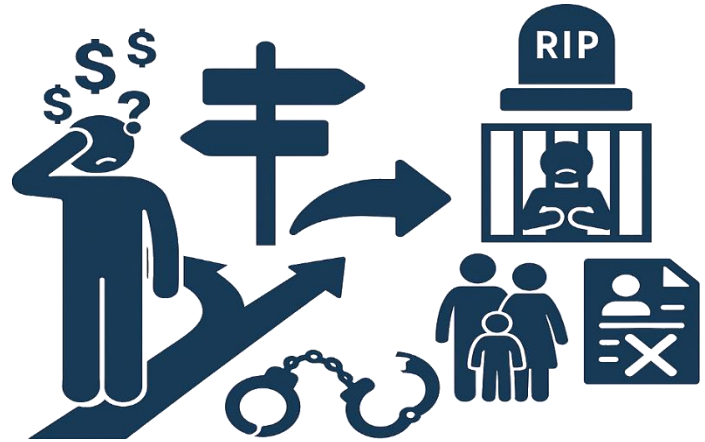
¹¹ <https://www.ksat.com/news/world/2025/11/03/pregnant-british-teen-arrested-for-drug-smuggling-in-georgia-released-after-guilty-verdict/>

The Price of Easy Money

From Choices to Consequences

Everyone wants a better life, money, respect, and comfort. But when those things come too easily, they often come with a cost. The drug trade promises quick cash and status, but behind the hype lies a harsh truth: “Every shortcut ends in loss.” What starts as one bad choice, a favour, a delivery, or a “small hustle” can quickly spiral into arrest, violence, or death.

This chapter shows what really happens when people chase fast money through drugs. Real headlines, real lives, real consequences... because the truth is, the drug trade doesn't build futures; it buries them.



The Impact

Let's be real, there's no happy ending in the drug game. You might get a few good nights, some fast cash, and fake friends, but it always comes crashing down.

The truth is simple:

- ✓ No loyalty, no peace, no freedom.
- ✓ Families and communities pay the price.
- ✓ Criminal records destroy your future- travel, education, and jobs, all are gone.

- ✓ The drug trade doesn't build futures; it buries them.
- ### Real Headlines from the Region

These aren't movie plots or social media rumours; they're real stories pulled from Caribbean headlines. Every line represents someone who thought they could outsmart the system, chase fast money, or live like a boss. Instead, they ended up locked up, shot down, or stripped of everything.

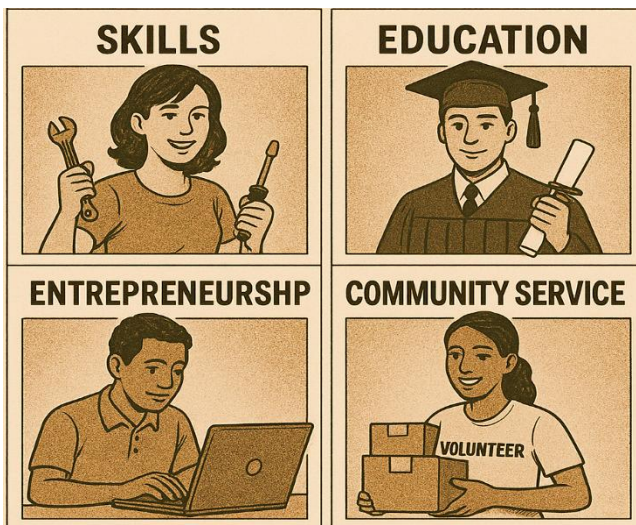


Behind each headline is a broken family, wasted youth, and a life that could've gone differently.

Some of these headlines read:

- ✓ Former trafficker sentenced to 15 years in U.S. court.
- ✓ Man gunned down after failed drug deal.
- ✓ Luxury homes seized in anti-narcotics operations.
- ✓ Caribbean woman jailed for smuggling cocaine in a suitcase.
- ✓ Police intercept speedboat with 200 lbs. of cannabis.

The Smarter Path



You don't need "fast money" to build a good life. What you need is focus, patience, and belief in your own potential. Every skill you learn, every goal you chase, every honest dollar you earn, that's real power.

Success built on crime fades fast, but success built on effort and integrity lasts a lifetime. The truth is, money made the right way doesn't just fill your pockets... it earns you respect, peace of mind, and the freedom to walk anywhere with your head held high.

The smarter path is choosing education over excuses, hard work over shortcuts, and character over clout. Start small if you have to, learn a trade, start a side hustle, volunteer in your community, or build your talent into something real. Those steps may feel slow, but they lead somewhere solid.

Real success isn't about what you have ... **IT'S ABOUT HOW YOU GOT IT.**

The most incredible freedom is being able to walk freely, sleep easily, and live cleanly, knowing your future isn't borrowed from crime but built by your own hands.

The Better Choice

You don't need shortcuts like drug trafficking to prove yourself. The real victory comes from creating something that endures, showcasing your skills, talents, and future. Here's how:

- **Sports**

From football fields to basketball courts, sports give you more than fitness. They teach teamwork, discipline, and leadership. Athletes around the world, some from small communities just like yours, have used sports to build careers, travel, and inspire others.



- **Art & Creativity**

Music, dance, painting, and poetry are real outlets for expression. Creativity gives you a voice, and sometimes that voice travels further than you can imagine. Many young artists have turned their talents into opportunities, platforms, and even global recognition.



- **Entrepreneurship**

Why risk prison when you can run your own hustle properly? From small online shops to tech startups, teenagers everywhere are finding ways to earn money legally and proudly. Entrepreneurship fosters independence without sacrificing your freedom.



- **Skills Training**

Learning trades such as carpentry, electrical work, IT, or design provides a solid foundation for life. Skills are power. With proper training, you can earn, develop, and stand independently without falling into someone else's trap.



- **Youth Icons Who Made It Without Shortcuts**

Look around, and you'll see countless young people who have succeeded through hard work. Musicians from tough neighbourhoods, athletes who trained tirelessly, and entrepreneurs who started with nothing but an idea. They chose the difficult path, but it was worth it, and it proves you can do the same.



Bottom line: Drug trafficking looks flashy but burns out fast. Your talent, your grind, and your choices are what actually build a future. The better option isn't just safer, it's smarter.

Closing Note

This publication is produced under the authority of the Customs Anti Narcotic Unit (CANU) and the Guyana Drug Information Network (GUYDIN), as part of Guyana's national prevention efforts to protect our youth and safeguard our nation's future.

The message is simple but powerful: every choice has consequences, and the decisions you make today will shape the rest of your life. Drug trafficking might seem tempting in the moment, but the truth is, it comes with a price far greater than any reward. The cost is your freedom, your reputation, your opportunities, and in some cases, even your life. These are things far too valuable to gamble away.

We want you to understand the risks clearly, but also to see the opportunities already within your reach. You are not limited to the traps set by traffickers. You are capable of achieving more. Whether through sports, where discipline and teamwork can open doors to scholarships and careers; art and creativity, where your voice and talent can make an impact; entrepreneurship, where you can forge your own path to independence and success; or skills training, where a trade can lay the foundation for a stable and proud future, there are countless better, safer, and smarter options available to you.

Your future is not determined by quick money or dangerous shortcuts. It is shaped by the effort you put in, the values you uphold, and the decisions you make today.

Choose wisely, because your future, your family, and your nation depend on it.



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