



# Heroin/Opiate Investigations


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## Investigative Tools


- ◆ Buy/ Walk Operations
- ◆ Buy/ Bust Operations
- ◆ GPS Trackers
- ◆ Surveillance
- ◆ Search Warrants
- ◆ Phone Exploitation
- ◆ Social Media
- ◆ Wiretaps



A person wearing a headset is working at a computer with multiple monitors. The person is seen from the side, focused on the screens. The monitors display various data and text, though it is somewhat blurred. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the computer screens.


## Wiretaps and Heroin Dealers

- Many heroin dealers run large networks involving dispatch type operations where a main line is called and different runners are dispatched to distribute the heroin.
- Makes it difficult to run consistent surveillance operations on consistent targets
- Nationality does play a significant role in identification of targets

A person wearing a headset is seated at a desk, working on a computer. There are two monitors visible. The person's hands are on a keyboard. The background is dark and out of focus.

## Wiretaps and Heroin Dealers

- Different phone lines for varying tasks
  - Customer, Runner phones
  - Frequent phone switches and runners
  - GPS pings of runners, dispatchers etc
  - GPS warrants for runner vehicles which are frequently used by more than 1 runner making identification difficult

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a headset, is sitting at a desk in a dimly lit room. He is looking at a computer monitor. The room is dark, with light coming from the screen and some ambient light. The man is wearing a dark shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

## Wiretaps and Heroin Dealers

- Technology plays a significant role in new investigations
- Social Media Exploitation
- Burner phones with multiple targets
- Linguist costs
- Wiretap and phone company costs
- Manpower intensive
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## Local Enforcement Efforts

- Focus of most task forces are local impact cases/ dealers identified based on overdoses/ informants
- Activities focused on preventing death from overdose as well as exposures to fentanyl by the public and first responders
- Avoiding exposure with technology/ testing methods

