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Thread: Dark-Web Drug Dealer Arrested After He Travelled US for World Beard Championships

/wrists - *September 28, 2017, 9:41 pm*

Quote:United States authorities arrested suspected dark web drug kingpin late last month while he was travelling from his base in France to the United States of America for this year's annual World Beard and Mustache Championships.

Gal Vallerius, a 38-year-old French national, was travelling to Austin, Texas, for the competition but was caught by U.S. authorities on August 31 upon landing at Atlanta International Airport on a distribution complaint filed in Miami federal court, The Miami Herald reported Tuesday.

Authorities confirmed Vallerius' identity to the online moniker "OxyMonster," which was previously used to sell drugs on an illegal underground dark web marketplace called Dream Market by searching his laptop that the brown-beard contestant carried with him.

Alleged Moderator/Admin Of Dark-Web Dream Market

According to Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) affidavit filed in September, Vallerius was an administrator, senior moderator and vendor on Dream Market, an eBay-type marketplace for illegal narcotics and drug paraphernalia.

Vallerius was suspected of openly advertising and selling drugs including cocaine, LSD, methamphetamine, fentanyl and oxycodone, on Dream Market between May 2015 and August 2017.

After searching his laptop, officials confirmed Vallerius' log-in credential for Dream Market and uncovered roughly $500,000 worth of bitcoins—the currency used to complete the transactions—and a PGP encryption key entitled OxyMonster.

Vallerius' laptop also contained the Tor browser, which lets users hide their true internet protocol (IP) addresses, allowing them to operate anonymously on the network.

According to the Miami Herald, the suspect is now expected to be transferred from Atlanta to Miami, where he will be facing a fresh conspiracy indictment that carries up to life in federal prison.

U.S. authorities have been cracking down on dark web marketplaces. A few months back, Europol along with FBI, DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) and Dutch National Police disrupted two major underground markets, # and Hansa.

Benefitted from the shutdown of its rivals, Dream Market had a total of 94,236 listings as of 29 August 2017. Now, if Vallerius is found admin of the platform, his arrest could bring an end to Dream Market as well.

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What the actual heck haha

https://thehackernews.com/2017/09/dark-web-crime.html

M1L3NK0 - *September 28, 2017, 9:47 pm*
I live in the area he got arrested. He wasn't gonna win the beard competition anyway.

Retro× - *September 28, 2017, 9:56 pm*
I get so sick of 'the man' oppressing us like this. We all know the war on drugs was a disguise for a war against consciousness - and now it's turned into a versatile tool that they can use to undermine our rights! I want to see this man's beard, because they're trying way too to hide just a normal beard.

SIM-1589588 - *September 28, 2017, 9:59 pm*
Looks like his hairs are thin as his brain cells. Running a dark market without encrypting his shit and travelling with it, is epic.

tettra - *September 28, 2017, 10:13 pm*
Glad i used a drop house under the previous tenets name using VPN. As I don't want to be in some FBI database.

Azim - *September 28, 2017, 10:15 pm*
moral of the story - tattoo your private key on your body with an encrypted stenographic image and dont carry it round on ur laptop

SIM-3372428 - *October 4, 2017, 7:56 am*
(Sep 28, 2017 09:59 PM)J.P Morgan Wrote: [CITE] Looks like his hairs are thin as his brain cells. Running a dark market without encrypting his shit and travelling with it, is epic.
Yep, really stupid. ?

woms - *October 4, 2017, 7:59 am*
Nice, the war against drugs being useful and great way to help society! Surely when you take down 1 vendor 5 more wont pop up right? Let’s keep it going!

ScrappyNovak - *October 4, 2017, 8:37 am*
Self inflicted gunshot wound... Might have been successfully running a drug ring, but he still wasn't very smart. I mean, in a shit country that gives pharma free reign to create dependencies while banning plants that do nothing more than make you feel good for a few hours with no harm...

(Oct 4, 2017 07:59 AM)Mikkonen Wrote: [CITE] Nice, the war against drugs being useful and great way to help society! Surely when you take down 1 vendor 5 more wont pop up right? Let’s keep it going!
People are too stupid to realize that prohibition doesn't solve the problem, it just moves the product to a black market... basic economics of supply and demand. The demand will always exist, therefore the market will always exist. Criminalizing it just creates repeat offenders. It is more about control and $$$$$ than actually looking out for society.

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You could not be more correct with this... the war on drugs is not about helping or protecting anyone

Haseo™ - *February 25, 2018, 7:32 am*
(Sep 28, 2017 09:47 PM)420samurai Wrote: [CITE] I live in the area he got arrested. He wasn't gonna win the beard competition anyway.
LOL, I almost feel bad now he was hoping to win the competition but goes to probably prison

instead. Remember kids gotta keep your nose and your beards clean.

lynnex - *February 26, 2018, 4:48 am*
(Feb 25, 2018 08:32 AM)Haseo™ Wrote: [CITE] LOL, I almost feel bad now he was hoping to win the competition but goes to probably prison instead. Remember kids gotta keep your nose and your beards clean.
Its fully 2017 ayee nice gravedig

qAzrael - *February 26, 2018, 6:11 am*
Lmao what a great fucking story i cba

drewmo - *March 1, 2018, 3:17 am*
whats the likeliness they'll have enough evidence? surely hes not stupid enough to have stuff on his laptop and shit accessible that can be used against him (edit) realized the date of post any updates?

jude43 - *March 1, 2018, 10:01 am*
Hey guys, what is encryption and should I take incriminating data through US customs? I'm guessing his opsec was trash anyway if they already had a warrant out for him.

? ????l ? - *March 1, 2018, 4:44 pm*
Wow! I remember listening to a podcast about Ross Ulbricht and the Silk Road. I'm curious as to how they caught on to him. With Ross, they essentially gained control of tons of accounts by intercepting drug packages.

Vegas Villain - *March 2, 2018, 10:48 am*
What an idiot honestly. Lol all that and no tails.... and brings his laptop.... could of just RDP'ed to it from another one.... wat a retard

VERYNiceGuy - *April 20, 2018, 7:27 am*
He should be prosecuted for his stupidity, if not crimes

Artisan - *April 22, 2018, 3:48 pm*
(Mar 1, 2018 04:17 AM)drewmo Wrote: [CITE] whats the likeliness they'll have enough evidence? surely hes not stupid enough to have stuff on his laptop and shit accessible that can be used against him (edit) realized the date of post any updates?
If hes dumb enough to go to the us for a beard championship then i think hes pretty dumb. Even if he didnt have any incriminating stuff on his laptop then theyd just give him the 3rd degree and make him confess ?

funke21 - *June 24, 2018, 2:29 pm*
LOL stupid way for him to get caught

kingstfeast - *January 21, 2019, 6:08 pm*
you gotta do what you gotta do

And it would be in austin of all places