

Barrow man jailed for drug dealing and money laundering

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A Barrow man has been sentenced to almost 4 years in prison for drugs and other offences.

David Smith, 33, of Buccleuch Court, was handed 3 years and 9 months on Friday (April 13th) after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply Class A drugs (crack cocaine), money laundering, and police obstruction.

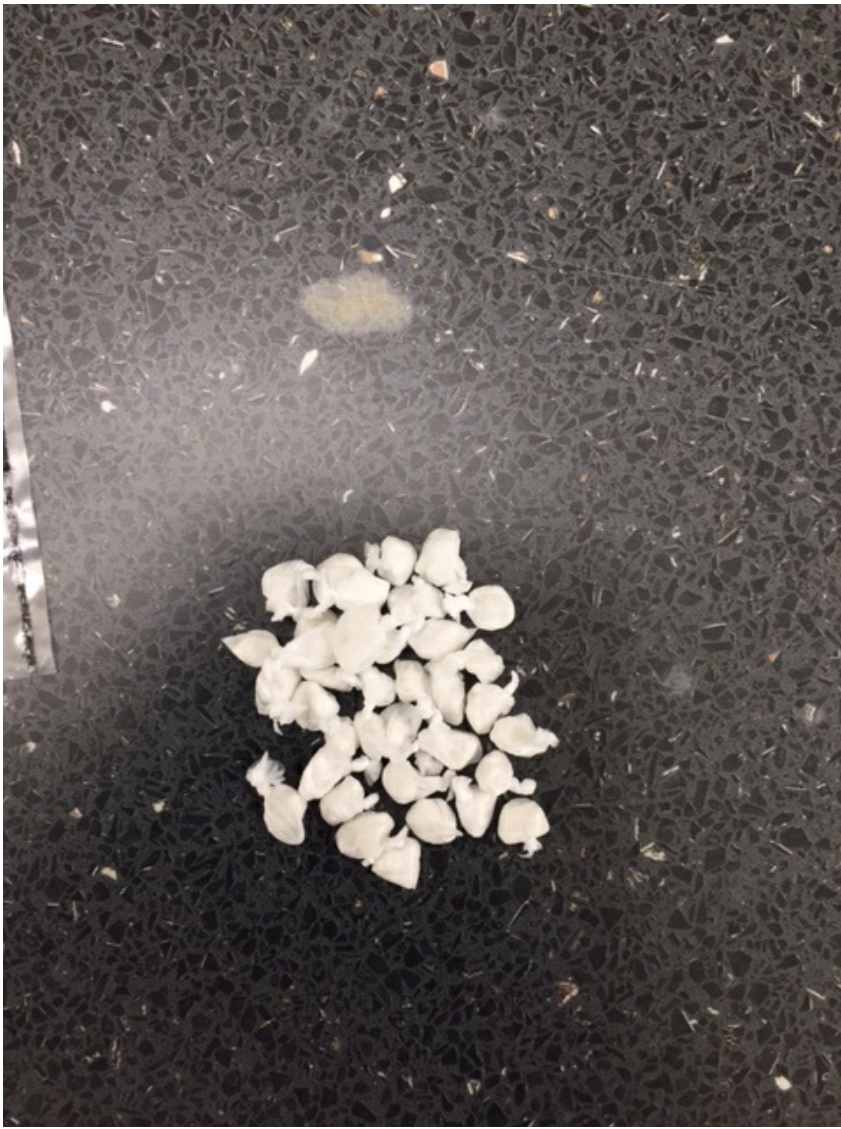
A joint investigation between the South Drug Squad and South Proactive team was conducted. They observed Smith getting in and out of a taxi in the Barrow area, going into addresses of known drug users for very short periods of time, on March 14th 2018.

Believing he was involved in the supply of controlled drugs, police approached him and explained that he was being detained under the Misuse of Drugs Act. Smith immediately tried to make off, and when caught and restrained, he continued to struggle and resist in an attempt to get away.

When being arrested, he was seen to let go of a wrap of blue plastic containing white rocks, which were later confirmed to be 36 individual street deals of crack cocaine. Upon searching Smith's home address, officers found 1045 in cash, and therefore he was subsequently arrested for money laundering.

A spokesperson for the South Cumbria Drug Unit said: It was very clear to our officers that Smith's activity on that day was related to the supply of drugs. We do not tolerate this in our county, and will continue to work hard to ensure we bring these criminals to justice.





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