Drug traffickers are increasingly transacting business online and through marketplaces on the “dark web,” where they erroneously believe they are anonymous and beyond the reach of law enforcement. As the drug trade continues to shift and adapt into cyberspace, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and other partner agencies are adapting along with it. This presentation will provide an overview of DEA’s cyber program, followed by a brief introduction to the dark web, and finally a discussion of how law enforcement targets and dismantles dark web vendors and marketplaces.

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