

## SYNOPSIS:

Money Laundering is still and largely a cash driven business. Especially drug proceeds are usually in cash and must be moved all over the world. Police investigations show that the flow of drugs and the flow of money usually are completely separated. The money circles in all different kinds of underground banking systems. In the Netherlands we have developed a fairly well working system of very quick interventions in these underground banking systems. We act on all kinds of different intelligence, we act very quick and we seize large amounts of cash money precisely at the moment when the money is moved. Instead of bringing all these cash couriers to long and tedious, capacity consuming court hearings, we usually offer them an out of court settlement. This allows us to proceed about 100 couriers yearly with 20 police-officers and one public prosecutor. How much we make out of this very profitable way of dealing with cases is to be revealed at the end of my presentation.