

## COMMUNICATION PATTERNS BETWEEN DRUG COURIER WITH CUSTOMERS IN SLEMAN DISTRICT

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### Abstract

*Drug trafficking is still happening today. This activity involves dealer, couriers and users. Communication between couriers and users is increasingly intense when drug dealing transactions are carried out. In a general sense courier is someone who has the responsibility to conduct the exchange of goods between two or more people. The purpose of this research is to find out how they interact with users. Thus, a qualitative research requires observation in the field to obtain enough data to make conclusions. About the results of research, researcher founded that illegal drugs courier used communication symbols that are only understood by them and their communities. The drug courier profile has a staggering illicit in addition to being couriers, they also as a student. Research also found they use direct and indirect communication pattern during transactions.*

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### INTRODUCTION

Drug problem has never been stopped at any city, and with a lot of her existing community in it. Population density will be increasingly add to the problem. As in large cities have some serious trouble in the world night as narcotics and drug. It close to the world is young man lovers world night frequently in care about the men and women. Drugs are also goods continue to find the youth even adults generally. Drugs is something kept sought by the teenager even adult. Did not look of the drug, whether that guy, women, transsexuals, all the same.

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the drug, whether that guy, women, transsexuals, all the same. Drugs a serious problem which to fight. Besides hurt yourself, drugs also have a bad impact on the community. Some campaign against drugs often lead by some institutions, among other agency and police often socialize the negative impact of drugs. The head of Badan Narkotika Nasional Provinsi (BNNP), Commissioner of Police, Soetarmono said the biggest contribution to the drug abuse you are workers in high school graduates and students.

The drug abuse in Yogyakarta in 2015 and recorded 60.182 person. From 60.182 person the drug abuse, 23.028 of

they are young age. However, Soetarmono said, the drug abuse in 2015 is less than 2014 at 62.028 person. In 2011 drug abuse are in 83.952 person and 68.981 person in 2008.

While total drug abuse already rehabilitation was only about 1.300 person. According to Soetarmono take five years to free Yogyakarta of drug abuse (<http://news.okezone.com/amp/2017/01/19>, accessed on 03 January 2017). Therefore, eradication issue drugs continue to be done BNNP (Badan Narkotika Nasional Provinsi ) Yogyakarta. The world courier illicit drug is the world closed, from the pre a survey of program is not easy to be able to get contact from courier illicit drug. A customer who wants to get illicit drugs have to through the intermediary certain, it can be hand first or come to know the courier. The identity of those will remain a secret of the general public. They known only by their communities and among users and the seller there are code of conduct (not written) not to elaborated social identification economic on the general public. The phenomenon of “drug couriers” is interesting to investigate because so far, even though it belongs to deviant behavior, there are still many people who are interested in the profession as a “drug courier”. Another interesting

thing is how to explain how the communication and interaction between “drug couriers” with customers.

Drug couriers do not behave like openly accessible online drugs and are quick to peddle themselves so that the transaction process can go smoothly. Once in a particular places or a paramedic illicit, will not be directly offer services drugs and sales price. Based on the description that has been described in the background above, the researcher formulate a problem as follows, What is the communication pattern of “drug courier” with customers in Sleman District. And the purpose of this research are this study aims to find out the communication pattern of “drug courier” with customers in Sleman District, to provide insight to the public about the form of communication “drug courier” especially students located in Sleman District and know the communication medium used by “drug couriers” to customers. This study discusses drugs that are prohibited by the government for its offenses, whether in terms of manufacture, distribution, sales or use. The distribution of narcotics itself in Sleman District has reached a very alarming level, judging from the narcotics drug courier is no longer the old players but has penetrated into the teenagers. The pattern of communication in the phenomenon of drug courier with

customers in Sleman District often arises when they transact, understanding the communication pattern itself is a simple description of the communication process that shows the relationship between one component of communication with other components (Soejanto, 2001: 27).

This research use symbolic interaction theory and concept of interpersonal communication. Symbolic interaction is one model of research that seeks to reveal the reality of human behavior (Endraswara, 2006: 64). Meaning should not rely on the “subjective subjective” view of the perpetrators, but rather using an “intersubjective” insight (Endraswara, 2006: 65). That is, researchers try to reconstruct the existing reality through the interaction between drug couriers with customers in Sleman District. At the time the interaction occurs, the researcher can do feedback in the form of questions. These questions will raise meaning in an interaction between perpetrators, namely drug couriers with customers in Sleman District.

Interpersonal relationships have an important role in every life of society, especially when in interpersonal relationships are able to provide encouragement to others in the form of a feeling-driven impulse. Interpersonal communication is a communication that

takes place in face-to-face situations between two or more people, both organized and in crowd (Wiryanto, 2004: 32). Basically the “forbidden oba messenger” is part of a society that also engages in social relations. As a member of the community, they have to interact with other communities. The main requirement of social activity is social interaction. In this study social interaction is used to discuss how “drug couriers” interact with individuals, as well as among other community groups.

## METHOD

This research uses qualitative method approach. The type of research used in this study is descriptive research, where the information obtained is in the form of descriptive information. Descriptive information is a complete description of the object under study. Descriptive research aims to simulate situations or events, because this study is explaining or describing the pattern of communication between drug couriers with customers in Sleman District. Thus, qualitative research requires observation / observation in the field to obtain sufficient data to make conclusions.

Data collection techniques is a very strategic step in doing research, this

is because the main purpose of research is to obtain data that will be processed into conclusions/evaluation. Data collection can be done in various rules, various conditions, various sources, and various ways. Primary sources are data sources that directly provide data to data collectors, and secondary data sources are sources that do not directly provide data to data collectors, such as through others or documents. Data collection techniques can be done by using interview (interview), documentation, or observation (observation) (Sugiyono, 2012: 225).

Researcher conducted research in Sleman District. Selection of the location is because Sleman Regency is a special area. Not only filled with cultural values, but also with the presence of many universities that exist here and various places of entertainment, thus opening the opportunity for the phenomenon of “Courier Drugs”.

## DISCUSSION

This communication is the process of messages by someone to others to tell, change attitude, opinions or behavior, either verbally through direct or indirect media. The process of the communication was occurring between drug dealer traffickers with illicit drug courier especially in Sleman district. Communication between drug dealer interwoven with illicit drug courier at the time they will trans-act, drug dealer with good courier and dealer directly with consumers. In an interaction between dealer with illicit drug courier made a pattern of communication in two directions, in the relationship between both the most important is the response, feedback, as well as a feedback systems of illicit drug courier upon what is delivered by a croupier. Meanwhile to one-way flow of information between drug dealer traffickers with illicit drug courier is communication vertical and horizontal.



**Figure 1. Vertical Pattern Communication**  
(Source: Research data)

A : Drug dealer  
 B: Courier drugs

A pattern above show, the communication can be seen how relationships a raid by members of either leader and downward and up-ward, indicated by the direction of the arrows. In this process of illicit drug dealers with

courier drugs, position at the same as courier in mean ing have same rights and obligations the same. “i usually if can customers after deal directly order to bring courier, wanted to meet directly have not dependent they connection what” said drug dealer (interview RA 25 April ) 2017.



**Figure 2. Horizontal Communication Pattern**

(Source: Research data)

A : Drug dealer  
 B : Courier drugs

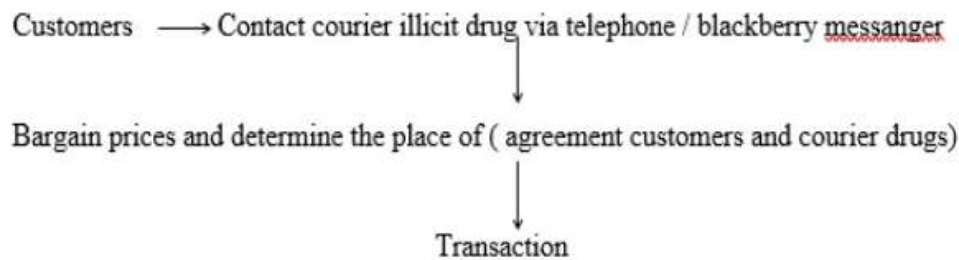
Besides that there are also two types of the communication between courier illicit drug with customers namely the direct commu- nication and the communication indirect.

1. The direct communication

Direct communication meant here is custom- ers can be directly related to courier drugs, through some media such as the phone or messaging without have to go through direct intermediaries or airport .Customers and cou- rier illicit drug can

instantly determine the and place to do. There are conditions a customer to be directly related to courier these drugs, namely met or transact earlier. The courier il- licit drug covered make it refused to open up to a wide audience. Customers would never done transactions with courier drug be able to deal directly without any intermediaries.

2. The communication of customers with courier drugs



**Figure 3. Communication of customers with courier drugs**

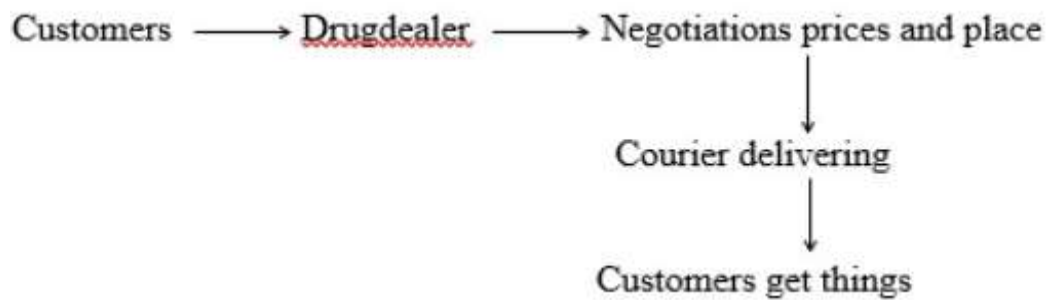
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Direct communication with courier illicit drug could turn a profit for the courier itself and potential customers. This is no the additional costs that compulsory to be given to link in this case is drug dealer. Because when consumers want drugs illicit without going through drug dealer, a courier usually buy directly from drug dealer for a paltry. From of observation researchers, why customers choose the direct communication, because with a pattern direct communication customers can easily get drugs, usually customers who chose the communication like this is the old customer, they are too long been in a network of dusky like this. Customers well acquainted with drugs the drug dealer, and customers choose purchase goods directly from drug dealer already beliefs, but as transact customers indirect drugs dealer do with but through courier drugs. The communication like this makes it difficult to customers out of a

circle black customers, the seller and courir illicit drug itself. But believed when consumers want illicit drug will simply they got it. In contrast to the communication indirect.

### Communication Pattern

The definition of communication not immediately here is a process communicate with courier illicit drug use intermediaries. Intermediaries are drug dealers linking courier illicit drug with customers, usually they called boss large. Communication with drug dealer can be conducted by telephone and face to face directly.



**Figure 3. Indirect Communication Pattern**

(Source: Research data)

From observation researchers, when drug dealer show illicit drugs to the buyer or customer, they will tell them how much for each the drug. Drug dealer also will explain how rules transaction, among other place meet courier illicit drug with customers, and a determined.

Occurred when an agreement between prospective customers, and then the drug dealer will contact courier illicit drug have been prepared lead order. After that customers will be number cell phone or traits than courier drug banned. Usually couriers and subscribers will directly meet, or they will not directly meet depends agreement been prepared by drug dealer with customers. If courier illicit drug not directly meet with customers, usually they are drug dealer and customers have previously agreed where illegal drugs this will be placed. This trick, often done to avoid undesirable things. From our observation researchers, why customers

choose the communication not directly because with a pattern communication indirectly customers do not need any effort to be able to get drugs.

Quite by courier illicit drug course customers can be easily get goods desirable. In addition to the transaction customers can also be more secure as after customers get illicit drug they can go directly remove him. Deprive here intended trail after them, customers and courier illicit drug transactions customers do not need to contribute in the world as black as the world illicit drug. Customers will be very easy to disappear and not have scoops out of tissue between drug dealer, courier, nor the other. But in communication patterns like this there are unprofitableness, which is when a customer wanted drug traffickers and so they must work extra to get goods can be desirable. The symbolic interaction not only occurs when the interaction between

courier illicit drug with customers course, but symbolic interaction also appeared when consumers do interaction with drugs dealer, and after drug dealer interact with courier drugs. Any of a deal with customers, who made a decision is not the only courier drugs and drug dealers also played an important role whether a deal is not approved.

The decision making process done after illicit drug courier and drug dealer received orders from customers and it has been decided how the price also of illegal drugs that were ordered. They the drug dealer, courier drug possession and customers also have social life, inside their social lives interaction more important than structure the structure because there are only on illicit drug courier with drug dealer. The researcher also see the patterns of communication the direct and indirect. A pattern of direct communication when a customer chose to buy illegal drugs directly from a courier not passing drug dealer. And no direct communication comes when customers purchase goods passing through drug dealer, after that new through illicit drug courier goods is conducted. Sleman district is one of the areas have much practice a drug deal and drugs. Ranging from entertainment centers as cafe, discotheques, karaoke and the rent house,

encountered transactions and consume drugs.

Indeed city students have many once place strategic for drugs distribution. Illicit drug courier work was where people work only ushers illicit drug into customers, they are not providing illicit drug. Different to drug dealer illicit drug, drug dealer here is a person who facilitate illicit drug courier and give wages when courier managed to make transactions, drug dealer illicit drug also provides various types of illegal drugs ranging from tens of thousands to the hundreds of thousands per pcs. On the basis of various referral interactionist symbolic, researchers must be careful in paying attention to human interaction in this case courier illicit drug with customers.

The interaction generally have planning and orderly. Communication courier illicit drug with customers are also filled by with symbols only perceptible by them and their community. The characteristics of the theory of the interaction symbolic occurs in interactionist between courier illicit drug with customers, can be seen when they transact. Policy makers here is not the courier illicit drug and customers, but the decision making here is a drug dealer, courier illicit drug and customer just act when the transaction approved by drug dealer. If a drug dealer



approved the transaction, so drug dealer illicit drug will send courier to implement transaction with customers in places that have been approved before.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the data above has been discussed and presented by the writer, hence conclusions maybe drawn as follows :

1. Many symbol that occurs when a courier illicit drug was doing transactions with customers. A symbol that appears itself only understood by those who are accustomed to do it.
2. Different regulation to the existing rules in general. Rules are made not only to courier illicit drug course, but for everyone who dabbles in the world black like the

world drugs.

3. There are more than one communication pattern undertaken by an courier drugs. The communication researchers found the research is the communication direct and indirect.

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