



(S//SI) This Fish Didn't Get Away: SIGINT Aids Capture of Drug Smuggling Vessel

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(S//SI) Joint US/UK collection system reveals the location of a vessel carrying a huge quantity of drugs.

(S//SI) SIGINT recently played a major role in the capture of a smuggling vessel in the Caribbean that was carrying 211 bales of cocaine weighing 95 pounds each -- a total of 9.03 metric tons!

(S//SI) The key SIGINT was intercepted with GLAIVE, a joint US-UK HF/VHF/UHF collection system. Specifically, a GLAIVE remote-collection system located at a Royal Dutch Navy facility on the island of Curacao intercepted transmissions from the drug-smuggling vessel Barracuda. Operators within the Naval Intelligence Operation Center at NSA/CSS Texas correlated the Barracuda intercepts with associated references of law enforcement presence to determine the location of the vessel, and to develop the overall tactical/situational picture.

(U//FOUO) On the evening of 24 February, the Barracuda was boarded and seized by the Navy cruiser USS Gettysburg. The crew was apprehended and the Barracuda was subsequently sunk.

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(U) USS Gettysburg

(S//SI) Project SUNBEAVER deployed GLAIVE to Curacao in May of last year. SUNBEAVER was a coordinated effort between 15 different organizations, to target Colombian narcotics trafficking. This is just one of many instances where SUNBEAVER is making a difference in narcotics interdiction.

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(S//SI) Shelter in Curacao where GLAIVE is stored

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(S//SI) GLAIVE collection system inside shelter

(C) For more information on GLAIVE, see the SID *today* article " [NSA and GCHQ Team Up to Tackle HF.](#) "

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