

Organization Attributes Sheet: Mun DT Group

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A. When the organization was formed + brief history
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All available information on the Mun DT Group comes from a single source.¹ In March of 2010, U.S. and South Korean law enforcement discovered a scheme by which the small organization was smuggling methamphetamine from Mexico to South Korea via FedEx and other express commercial shipping services. The individual at the center of the operation, identified only by his surname Mun, is a Korean-American now operating out of Mexico. Mun was previously deported from the United States as a result of his criminal activities at the head of a Los Angeles, CA Korean-American street gang.
B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,
a. In general
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug trafficking
b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug trafficking: The Mun group is involved in smuggling methamphetamine from Mexico to South Korea. The organization is known to have moved a total of at least 48 grams of the illicit substance, about enough for 1,600 people, in ten separate shipments.
C. Scope and Size
a. Estimated size of network and membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. and Korean authorities have identified 15 members of the group. The full network might be slightly larger, but it is probable that the group size remains small in size.
b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group's operating area)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mexico, United States, South Korea,
D. Leader Characteristics
a. Who is/are the leader(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mun: Korean-American, 40 years old, identified only by his surname
b. Leadership timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
E. Organizational Structure
a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
b. Membership – is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
F. Resources
a. Financial
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Given the quantities trafficked by Mun and his associates, the group's financial resources are likely to be limited.
b. Human
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.

Information derived from several sources and searchable databases.
All research conducted according to the project manual.

c.	Logistical
i.	Forgery, safe-houses, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The group utilizes FedEx and other express commercial shipping services to transport the drugs.
ii.	Key routes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The methamphetamine is shipped from Mexico to South Korea by way of the United States.
d.	Transportation
i.	Land
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
ii.	Sea
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
iii.	Air
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transportation via express commercial shipping services such as FedEx
iv.	Intermodal container
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transportation via express commercial shipping services such as FedEx
G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities	
a.	Corruption
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
b.	Concealment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The drugs are concealed in unassuming items such as photo albums.
c.	Deception
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
d.	Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
H. Prior / Existing Relationships	
a.	Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unnamed Los Angeles, CA Korean-American street gang
b.	Corrupt politicians, law enforcement , political parties and other state entities, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No information.
c.	<i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unnamed Los Angeles, CA Korean-American street gang: Before being deported from the United States, Mun is reported to have been the leader of a Korean-American street gang in Los Angeles, CA the name of which is unknown.
I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Korean-AmericanKorean
J. Technical Sophistication	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Low
K. Penchant for Innovation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Low
L. Activities in United States	
a.	Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drug trafficking
b.	<i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The methamphetamine is shipped from Mexico via the United States to Korea.

c.	Linkages with US groups
i.	Market/transaction links
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
ii.	Stable supplier
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
iii.	Franchise arrangement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
iv.	HQ and Branch office
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
M. Evaluations	
a.	Strengths
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The strength of the Mun DT Group lies in the simplicity of the scheme. Although law enforcement eventually discovered the illicit trafficking, Mun and twelve other members have thus far eluded capture.
b.	Weaknesses and vulnerabilities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relying on commercial shipping leaves the group vulnerable to company and law enforcement screening efforts. The methamphetamine ring was discovered and allowed to continue in order to identify other individuals involved. Several of those individuals were arrested in Korea.
c.	Additional insights
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In light of Mun's criminal background, he and his associates likely continue their involvement in the drug trade, though they may have adopted different trafficking methods in the aftermath of the FedEx operation.
Other Notes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

¹ Mee-Yoo, Kwon. "FedEx Service Used in Drug Smuggling," *Korea Times*, March 1, 2010.