

**ORGANIZATION NAME:** Darkened Mined

**ORGANIZATION TYPE:** Diamond Smuggling Organization

**ORGANIZATION FOUNDED DATE:** 6/20/1978

**KNOWN CONTRIBUTORS:**

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**ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Darkened Mined organization is an international foreign diamond smuggling ring based out of South Africa. They have been in existence since 1978, where they started out as nothing more than a small collection of miners who banded together to traffic small rough uncut diamonds from various mines. Over the last twenty-eight years, they have developed a highly organized networking of labor, skills and leadership, which has been the catalyst for the rapid development of the organization. The Darkened Mined organizations exact location is unknown, but they have been known to smuggle shipments from the cities of Johannesburg and Cape Town to the United States and other countries around the world. The organization distributes about ten percent of the total black market diamonds sold to the United States each year. That percentage has been increasing by .25 percent every year, which makes it one of the most lucrative trafficking minerals today. No known leaders have been identified in the ring, but Agency speculation points to an unidentified offshore corporation or leader, who is pulling the strings and choreographing the diamond shipments, while possessing ties to buyers in the United States. The Darkened Mined organization is very well funded and is equipped with some of the best weapons money can buy, civilian and military. They are said to possess a mafia type mentality to the structure and manner in which they operate their smuggling trade. Some enemies of the ring have been found brutally mutilated and dismembered, sent back to their homes piece by piece. They will stop at nothing in trying to complete their sale, and will eliminate anyone who gets in their way. Recent smuggling raids have resulted in fierce gun battle between the Darkened Mined smugglers and United States officials. The tactics and ruthlessness of the organization was documented in the 2003 Miami harbor incident, where twenty-seven IMSTS officials were killed during a smuggling raid on a shipping vessel, with the use of armor piercing rounds and explosives. All fifteen smugglers were slain in the raid, as well as obtaining one of the biggest cache of diamonds on record, valued at approximately 3.5 million dollars. As long as there are black market diamond buyers in the world, the Darkened Mined organization will fulfill their need.

