

Chelyabinsk Man Accused of Selling Marijuana by the Kilo

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Federal drug police have detained a 37-year-old Chelyabinsk man suspected of having sold large quantities of drugs in the area, the agency said in a statement posted on its website on Tuesday.

The man is accused of having sold drugs in quantities of at least one kilogram of marijuana at a time. He was detained while conducting one such transaction.

Despite having no formal income, the unemployed man has managed to pay the rent on three garages and an apartment where his wife lives with his young son.

The law enforcement agents seized 100 kilograms of marijuana, 500 grams of hashish, a shotgun and bullets in various of the suspect's alleged hideouts.

The suspect now faces up to 20 years in prison. If officers had found more than 100 kilograms of marijuana, he could have been up against a life sentence.

"In any case, the son will not see his father for a long time," the agency's statement read.

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