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The purposes of this research were to study pattern of drug dealing and how drug dealers avoid law. The subject group was composed of 408 inmates who were charged with drug offenses and imprisoned in the Central Correctional Institution for Drug Addicts. Members of the group were classified as main drug dealers, minor drug dealers and drug traffickers. The instrument used in collecting data was a questionnaire.

The research findings show that inmates who had different background had different patterns of drug dealing. The main drug dealers are well-educated. They have legitimate job and trade drugs both domestically and internationally. They also produce the drugs by themselves before selling to the customers. The main dealers have specific places away from their residences for the storage of drugs. For the minor drug dealers, which make up the largest group, are all poorly educated and jobless. They buy drugs from the main drug dealers, and divide the drugs into small quantities before providing them to drug addicts. The drug traffickers have backgrounds similar to those of the minor drug dealers. Traffickers obtain drugs from the main drug dealers and bring the drugs to the customers.

From the research, methods of protection and correction are suggested for combating drug dealing. Slum areas which especially are recognized as important drug dealing centers. For the minor drug dealers and drug traffickers who are poorly educated and jobless, there must be improvement of the education system. People who are charged with drug offenses should be subjected to the full justice process to decrease the member of the drug dealers.