



Italian drug police confronted by hungry albino python 義警方突襲毒窟 驚見餓白蟒

Police raiding a drug den in the Italian capital were confronted by an aggressive albino python used to **intimidate** addicts, police said last week.

Police had been tipped off that they would find "an animal" during the raid on the apartment in the center of Rome, and when they opened the door they saw a striped yellow and white snake curled up on a heat mat.

The snake, which was 3m long and was kept hungry so that it would be more aggressive, was allowed to roam the apartment to scare **addicts** into paying for their drugs, police said.

Animal services were called to capture the snake, which was tempted into **captivity** using a whole chicken and sent to a nearby zoo.

The reptile had been resting on 200g of pure cocaine,

and a further 5kg were found in the apartment.

Six people were arrested in the **raid**, on top of another six who were already in custody.

The 12 were charged with conspiracy to traffic cocaine and illegal possession of a protected species. (AFP)

義 大利警方上週表示，警察突襲首都羅馬一個毒窟時，赫然發現一條歹徒用來恐嚇毒蟲的凶惡白蟒。

警方突襲羅馬市中心的公寓時，被告知毒窟裡「有動物」。當他們打開門時，看到一條黃白色條紋相間的蟒蛇，捲曲在一塊加熱墊上。

警方表示，毒販讓這尾三公尺長的蟒蛇餓肚子，使牠更加凶惡，還讓牠在公寓內到處爬，用以恐嚇那些不付錢的毒蟲。

捕捉動物的單位接獲通報趕來處理，他們用一整隻雞引誘蟒蛇，抓住後將牠送到附近的動物園。

警方在蟒蛇身體下方找到兩百公克純古柯鹼，還在公寓內找到五公斤古柯鹼。

除了之前已遭羈押的六名嫌犯外，這次突襲又逮捕了六人。

這十二人被依企圖販賣古柯鹼及非法擁有保育動物的罪名起訴。 (法新社/翻譯：吳岱璽)

A model walks down the runway carrying an albino python on her shoulders while she presents a piece of lingerie from the Viva La Eve by Triumph on April 3, 2008 in Singapore during the Singapore Fashion Festival. PHOTO: AP

二〇〇八年四月三日，在新加坡時尚節上，一位模特兒肩上披著白蟒蛇，在伸展台上展示黛安芬Viva La Eve系列內衣。 照片：美聯社

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1. **intimidate** /ɪn'tɪmə,det/ v.

恐嚇 (kong3 he4)

例: Kyle got in trouble for intimidating his classmates. (凱爾因為恐嚇同學而惹上麻煩。)

2. **addict** /'ædɪkt/ n.

上癮者 (shang4 yin2 zhe3)

例: Leo got mugged on the subway by a drug addict. (李歐在地鐵上被一名毒蟲搶劫。)

3. **captivity** /kæp'tɪvətri/ n.

監禁 (jian1 jin4)

例: The prisoner was kept in captivity for six months. (該名囚犯被監禁了六個月。)

4. **raid** /red/ n.

突襲 (tu2 xi2)

例: Three troops were injured in the raid to liberate the hostages. (三名士兵在解救人質的突襲行動中受傷。)