

Silk Road accused Ross Ulbricht appears in court

The Silk Road was known as a place to buy and sell illegal drugs.

The alleged mastermind behind the online illegal drugs marketplace Silk Road is too dangerous to be bailed, US prosecutors have said.

Ross Ulbricht, 29, was arrested this week and is charged with being the administrator of the site which has now been shut down.

He is also accused of trying to arrange the killing of one of the site's users.

"We deny all charges and that is the end of the discussion at this point," Mr Ulbricht's lawyer said.

Mr Ulbricht appeared in a San Francisco court on Friday wearing a green T-shirt under red jail clothes and had his ankles shackled.

A request from his legal team for his bail hearing to be pushed back was granted - it will now take place on 9 October.

Flee concern

Federal magistrate Joseph Spero asked Mr Ulbricht's lawyer Brandon LeBlanc whether seeing the criminal indictment that included a murder-for-hire charge had "changed his calculus" on whether he thought Mr Ulbricht would be granted bail.

As part of its criminal complaint, the FBI alleged that Mr Ulbricht had sought to pay a Silk Road user to kill another user who had threatened to expose details of the site's users.

Prosecutors opposed the delay, arguing that Mr Ulbricht represented a danger to the community, and that there was a high likelihood that he may attempt to flee.

The Silk Road was a well-known destination on Tor, a so-called "dark web" service that anonymises users, making it much more difficult for authorities to track locations.

The site sold a range of items, but was most famous for offering a host of illegal drugs, paid for using virtual currency Bitcoin.

Bitcoin value drops after FBI shuts Silk Road drugs site



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and issued pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 983(j) by the
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

FBI

Visitors trying to access the Silk Road are now presented with a seizure notice.

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I. Match the words with explanations

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| 1. prosecutor | a) władze |
| 2. to be accused of | b) opóźnić, spowodować opóźnienie |
| 3. authorities | c) prokurator |
| 4. delay | d) oskarżenie |
| 5. shackled | e) oskarżony, oskarżona |
| | f) zakuwać w kajdany |

II. Match the words with Polish explanations

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| 1. bail | a) to be a very clear sign that a system, method etc is very bad or very wrong, English the act of officially charging someone with a criminal offence |
| 2. to be charged with | b) someone, not usually a lawyer, who works as a judge in a local court of law, dealing with less serious crimes |
| 3. indictment | c) the act of protecting something or someone from attack |
| 4. magistrate | e) a meeting of a court or special committee to find out the facts about a case |
| 5. hearing | f) money left with a court of law to make sure that a prisoner will return when their trial starts |
| | g) to state officially that someone may be guilty of a crime |

III. Answer the questions True or False

1. The potential users of website can still enter the website. T/F
2. Mr. Ulbricht is accused of asking one user of his website to kill another user. T/F
3. One could pay for drugs with special kind of money. T/F
4. The bail for Mr. Ulbricht amounted to 2 mln dollars. T/F
5. Prosecutor claim that Mr. Ulbricht is a dangerous man. T/F

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