



Will Wright, Wannabe Hollywood Drug Kingpin in 'Six Degrees of Paris Hilton,' Gets His Wish: Cops Hunt Him for L.A.-to-NY Cocaine Ring

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Will Wright, one of the most outlandish characters in "[Six Degrees of Paris Hilton](#)" -- long-form journalist Mark Ebner's 2009 expose on the nasty, druggy innards of young Hollywood -- is finally seeing the spotlight he craved.

"He's always wanted to be a drug kingpin," Ebner tells the *LA Weekly*. "Guess what? He got his wish."

Mike Vanags, a recently retired officer from the La Brea Police Department who once investigated Wright for a high-profile burglary in Yorba Linda, says: "He's stuck now -- and it's about time."

Wright popped up in multiple corners of Ebner's eye-popping Paris Hilton ~~gossip piece~~ **investigation** as an attention-whoring, pathologically lying "man about town" who duped all kinds of moguls and celebrities into revering him as a glorified drug lord with connections out his ears. An excerpt:

"At one time Paris was Will's Best Friend Forever, but then she started saying, 'All he ever told me was the he wanted to fuck me up the ass,'" says Scott Bloom, who knew both in his capacity as a film producer and one-time nightclub promoter, and who still remembers Paris as a skinny kid on roller skates when she first showed up at his clubs. "She took an about-face on him," he adds, in a curious turn of phrase. "The worst day of Will Wright's life is the day people are indifferent to him."

But over the last five years, Wright may have become what he always aspired to be: The "[prime architect](#)" of a \$4 million cocaine ring, in which the goods were imported into SoCal via Mexican cartels, then smuggled into Long Island, New York, on car carriers.

"He's a spiderweb -- you start with the burglary and you go out from there," says retired cop Vanags. But "nobody's able to prove things on him. He basically uses other people to do his work."

However, Vanags says he was contacted by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency in 2007, after Wright's name came up in a tapped conversation, re: a suspected cross-country cocaine ring.

"I don't know the conclusion of their case, but I know it's been concluded," says Vanags. "The only thing I can think of is he helped them out." [*Ed note: Aka, snitched on a bigger fish to the feds.*] Since then, though, "he apparently jumped right back into that business."

Four men have been arrested in Long Island for their alleged participation in the ring, but West Hollywood resident Wright is still on the run, with a warrant out for his arrest.

Via [West Hollywood Patch](#):

The investigation began with Suffolk [County] narcotic undercover work that then led to attaining court authorized wiretaps that captured significant information about the operation, said [District Attorney Thomas Spota]. The arrests were made July 19 and kept confidential in order for police to uncover further suspects and operation details.

Spota said the drug transportation method illustrates the "ingenious" methods that drug dealers use in illegal operations.

"Anyway you can imagine to smuggle drugs these guys already know it and have tried it," he said.

The network of sources Ebner has accrued in his years on the dirty nightlife scene tell him Wright has been "spotted in Hollywood as recently as last week -- dining with [alleged ecstasy dealer](#) Eyal "Alex" Maimon] at Sunset Plaza, and less than a week ago coming out of Citizen Smith, a low-life nightclub on Caluenga."

Ebner says that while "Wright enjoyed the high life and some of the spoils for a brief wind of time in his short 33-year life, he's looking at a life sentence" once state and federal charges are combined.

"I'm a writer, not a cop," he adds. "But I can put this together because I'm talking to the cops." Though Ebner's smash hit of a celebrity expose has been having trouble landing a screen deal, he now says, smugly: "Will Wright is doing the job for me: He's writing my epilogue."

Updates to come.

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33-year-old Will Wright

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 **Mark-shark** 7 months ago

It's war on the streets and a war in the Middle East. Instead of war on poverty they got a war on drugs. So the police can bother me. And I ain't never did a crime I ain't have to do Time to indict the the real criminals sitting in wall street, the people who stole the nations money.....

 **seriously?** 4 months ago [in reply to Mark-shark](#)

What? Is that.....English? Are you attempting poetry slam or something.
Wall Street has been stealing money since it was established. They are lawyered up and ready to cover every inch of their skin. With that, um, out of the way:
Will Wright is a career criminal. Career. Criminal.
Breaking the law should not be a career choice. Embarassing your hometown, family, and self is the fallout.
His sister wails to me via Facebook "He got mixed up with the wrong crowd when he was 15...." Well sweetheart, he's 33 old now. More than half his life mis-spent.
The lying, extortion/kidnapping involvement, drug smuggling/dealing, dodging court and law enforcement.....for what? For. What? For over half his life his family has endured and EXCUSED his behavior.
Has anyone paused and asked this question: What happens to the drugs Will was party to moving into the USA and to the East Coast? Are the feeding an addiction? Creating a new one? Getting a kid high?
Creating violence over drug deals/price/value/how it was cut? Is it overdosing a mother or father, scaring a child? Dramatic, perhaps.....but completely possible, every one. Again, for what? So Will could "look cool", have "hot new stuff", "impress his club dwellers"greed? WHAT A WASTE. What an epic and total waste. When Will was caught in HIGH SCHOOL WITH 5 POUNDS OF POT AND A GUN, his sentence was 7 years. A felony offense with intent to distribute is a felony + the gun would normally carry a FORTY year sentence.....but he was young, they gave him a chance. More chances have been afforded to Will, or Willie as we called him as a child, all for not. Will has returned again and again to a life of lawlessness and greed.
Prison is by all means the perfect last stop.

 **Mark THE SHArK** 4 months ago [in reply to seriously?](#)

its a poetic verse taken from Tupac shakur you hater. I prefer drug dealers running the world rather than financial fraudsters running this world, at least you know what your dealing with.
with. WALLSTREET FINANCIAL CRIMINALS ARE RATS and DRUG DEALERS are believe it or not fueling a demand for hollywood producers, actors, directors, judges, lawyers, doctors, hookers, casino moguls, etc.....I could go on. Drugs are a commodity but WALLSTREET IS A FRAUD.

 **bigriggs** 4 months ago [in reply to Mark THE SHArK](#)

Drugs are a commodity only if you have zero morals, zero self respect, zero self restarint, zero sense of right from wrong. Go ahead and idolize drug dealers, most of us have higher standards. I'd rather penalize those on wall street and totally eradicate every single drug dealer in the wrold.

 **Mark THE SHArK** 4 months ago [in reply to bigriggs](#)

I am not idolize drug dealers, all i'm saying if teachers were paid more than bomb makers for the pentagon then maybe more people would have a better income so they don't have to resort to drugs, prostitution, and theft. Too much money is spent on creating illegal wars then education or healthcare. Wallstreet is robbing people blind and you support them?, then you better take a step back and realize that when you cant buy food for your kids, your daughters will sell their asses for money and your sons will sell drugs. Its survival. Sometimes thats the only choice your given.

 **Mark THE SHArK** 4 months ago [in reply to seriously?](#)

Furthermore, I got news for you the people running this country are career criminals, starting wars for oil and killing innocent woman and children, IS A CRIME and the worst type of terrorism, maybe maybe WILL WRIGHT is the back drop of Karma that is circulating back to the people who voted to go to war and send their kids to war in Iraq. Blood follows and innocent woman and children have been murdered, thats not WAR its a massacre. UM.....so lets not worry about Willie issues and keep our eyes on the ball, the real criminals sitting in WALLSTREET.

 **bigriggs** 7 months ago

Loser...

 **Intheknow** 6 months ago

Ebner has a bit of a penchant for dramatizing the facts on these "investigations". Will has a bit of teflon in his DNA as described in the article. He was supposed to get 40 years for the marijuana ring that he ran in high school but ended up getting 7 and 5 of that was mandatory for the gun he had on him when he was busted. That means he did 2 for everything else he did and he never got busted on the Joe Francis

extortion deal. I'm not sure how clubbing in Hollywood counts as being on the run.



Jen [4 months ago](#)

READ a book thats called MEDICINE KILLS. The whole medical world has killed 7 million people and injured 190 million people. Cocaine is a party drug, thats what guys use to have sex with girls because girls have a pre-existing condition called golddigging so cocaine breaks that barrier so does alcohol. Law enforcement are spiritually bankrupt and socially corrupt, they cheer for arrests and planning wars around the world. More people need to get laid and leave these low level drug dealers alone and concentrate on why 42 percent of the nations wealth is in the hands of 1 percent controlling the 42 percent. Will Wright i'm sorry you got pinched, but the war on drugs is a fraud and no one can stop it. Just like no one can stop obesity and financial fraud that Wallstreet has committed against its own citizens. I suggest people need to understand that this world has problems and we should concentrate on the bigger issues, like poverty, obesity, and illegal wars.