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Organized crime and encrypted chats

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Over the past few years law enforcement have managed to gain access to three encrypted chat programs (Encrochat, Sky ECC and AnOm) used by criminals across the world. This has led to large amounts of arrests, and to a new opportunity for insights into organized crime from the communications that have been revealed. Based on 152 cases with convictions in Swedish courts that include material from encrypted chats we will present preliminary findings on criminal activities, organization and connections to legal activities. Most of the cases include drug related crimes, but 22 cases in addition include charges of homicide or attempted homicide, and 24 cases include money laundering. The total material of court convictions currently includes about 228 000 pages of text, and the material is expected to grow further as more convictions are registered. Summary statistics on the prevalence of different features will be presented alongside some illuminating anecdotes from cases that can highlight interesting features of organized crime. This includes links between criminal networks in different cities and countries, and how access to services and resources in the legal economy can be discussed and accessed among criminal groups.