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Ellis Peña Char, accused of leading an international drug shipment network to Europe, was captured in the last hours by the Police, in coordination with the Central Brigade against Organized Crime of Spain, in Barranquilla. Alias *Richard Smith*, as he is also known, **would be the head of an international drug trafficking organization that commits crimes from the Antilles and that sent drugs, by sea, to Europe**.

This person, born in Colombia, is requested in extradition by the government of Spain and on him there was an Interpol red circular for international drug trafficking, a crime for which, according to the investigation, he has a sentence of 12 years in prison. ***Richard Smith* was detained by members of the institution in the Altos de Riomar sector, in the capital of the Atlántico department**.

The Iberian authorities consider that this person is responsible for forming a criminal network with drug trafficking organizations in Malaga, Spain, and the United Kingdom, **and they link him to a shipment of 1.2 tons of cocaine**. Drugs that, the Police explained, were transported on a ship from the island of Antigua and Barbuda and that were seized by the Spanish Navy near the Port of Vigo. **The shipment was valued at about 27 million euros**.

The Police stated that this structure, which, according to the investigation, was made up of citizens of the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States and Romania, **specialized in conditioning ships with the aim of transporting the alkaloid that came from South America** and was later shipped in The Antilles.

The investigators assure that alias *Richard Smith* had a criminal record of 24 years and used visas, passports and documents with different identities, to move between Spain, the United Kingdom, Antigua and Barbuda, the United States, the Netherlands, Canada and Colombia, among other countries., to avoid being tracked by the authorities. **The United States, it seems, was known as *Peter Berkey*, *Patrick Beck*, *Patrick Dave Liljebeck* or *Peter Dale Liljebeck***.

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