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Authorities: 'Narco sub' aided drug lord's work



Think tank InSight Crime said recent data suggests narco subs "are growing in number, reach and sophistication."

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Alleged kingpin sentenced to 25 years in prison

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USA TODAY

An Albanian drug kingpin with a lavish lifestyle was sentenced for plotting with a Detroit-area businessman to build a cocaine-smuggling submarine that helped power a multimillion-dollar narcotics operation, authorities say.

U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood on March 31 sentenced Ylli Didani, 48, to 25 years in prison following a three-month trial in 2025 featuring testimony and court documents rife with details about maritime drug trafficking and photos of Didani posing alongside mounds of cash.

A federal jury convicted Didani of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, conspiracy to launder monetary instruments and conspiracy to distribute cocaine aboard a vessel subject to United States jurisdiction.

The case illustrates the growing problem of so-called "narco submarines," low-profile, semi-submersible

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"Narco submarines" are increasingly used by drug traffickers for their ability to avoid detection by authorities. LUIS ROBAYO/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE



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Guest columnist

Embracing love and forgiveness for a fresh start

In the Christian tradition in which I was reared, Easter Sunday meant dressing to the nines. Girls in pretty pastel dresses, Men and boys in new suits. Women in elegant hats. Charlton Heston starring as Moses in "The 10 Commandments" and pastors effusing that Jesus was no longer in the tomb. The older I got, the more the Easter story meant to me: love, sacrifice, forgiveness.

Application of such themes are especially relevant these days. A war in

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