

# BRICK OF COCAINE WASHES ASHORE IN FLORIDA AFTER HURRICANE DORIAN

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Hurricane Dorian's [powerful waves](#) washed up thousands of dollars worth of cocaine on Florida shores, officials said.

Police in Melbourne, a city southeast of Orlando, found a brick of cocaine on Tuesday after a passerby noticed a suspicious package that appeared to have washed ashore and alerted authorities, according to Cherly Mall, the spokeswoman for the city of Melbourne.

A police officer inspected the package and determined it was consistent with a kilo of drugs, Mall said. The contents of the package -- which appeared to be labeled "diamant," Spanish for "diamond" -- later tested positive for cocaine.

Amy Roderick, a spokeswoman with the Drug Enforcement Administration, told ABC News a kilo of cocaine is worth anywhere between \$28,000 and \$32,000 in the Orlando area.

Hurricane Dorian, now a Category 2 storm, [slammed the Bahamas on Tuesday](#) as it made its way to Florida. The official death toll is at 20, but that number is expected to rise in the coming days as authorities assess the [destruction on the ground](#), according to officials in the Bahamas.

