

## **BITCOIN: THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS CURRENCY**



Bitcoin is a relatively new Internet currency that works like cash. Bitcoin is a peer-to-peer currency and isn't tied to a bank or a third-party financial service. Because the transactions are almost untraceable and anonymous, Bitcoin is perfect for criminals.

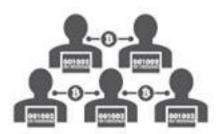
## HOW CAN CRIMINALS HIDE WITH BITCOIN?



Criminals' Bitcoins are deposited in virtual "wallets" created with fake identities.



Bitcoins are tracked on a ledger, but the ledger does not include user identities.



Now, criminals have a virtual "brown bag of cash."



Law enforcement can see the sequence of transactions...





 ...but not who is making the illegal purchases.

## THE FBI IS CONCERNED BITCOIN COULD BE USED FOR:

