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ALERT UNIT MAKES MAJOR ORGANIZED CRIME BUST FOUR PEOPLE ARRESTED

The Edmonton region Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU), in partnership with the Edmonton Integrated Proceeds of Crime Unit (EIPOC), have arrested four people and seized 4.7 kilograms of cocaine in a bust that has struck a major blow to organized crime in our province.

The 18 month investigation also netted a quantity of hashish, marijuana and magic mushrooms, \$275,000 cash, 30 firearms including restricted and prohibited handguns and assault style weapons, three cars and two boats.

The accused are:

- Jeffrey Robert Kennett, 27 years old, from Sherwood Park, Alberta;
- Alfred Man, 27 years old, from Edmonton, Alberta;
- Daniel James Hunter, 30 years old, from Edmonton; and
- Brian Dahlman, 31 years old, from Edmonton, Alberta, Cancun, Mexico, and Kamloops, British Columbia.

They are charged with a number of criminal organization, drug trafficking, weapons, and conspiracy offences and are remanded in custody until their next court appearance. Dahlman and Hunter are scheduled to appear on September 28, 2009, and Kennett and Man are scheduled to appear on November 23, 2009.

Inspector Kevin Galvin, head of the Edmonton Region CFSEU, said that these individuals are believed to be tied to a sophisticated and robust criminal organization known as "The Family". It is estimated that "The Family" has trafficked 120 kilograms of cocaine in communities throughout British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan during the last 18 months. That translates into 360,000 casual street level doses of cocaine.

"These arrests will have a significant impact on the cocaine market in our province, which will ultimately help to reduce the amount of related offences like homicide, assault, robbery and fraud that are closely linked to the drug trade," said Galvin. "By taking down this criminal enterprise, we interrupt the drug supply, and significantly reduce the rates of victimization in our communities."

The Edmonton region CFSEU is an integrated police team made up of investigators from the Edmonton Police Service and the RCMP. CFSEU is part of the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT), an umbrella organization established by the Solicitor General and Public Security to bring together Alberta's most sophisticated law enforcement resources to strategically tackle serious and organized crime.

"ALERT's model of integrated policing is having tremendous success and making excellent use of law enforcement resources," says Fred Lindsey, Alberta Solicitor

General and Minister of Public Security. “Our communities are safer as a direct result of the excellent work done by these integrated policing teams. We fully expect to see more busts like this as ALERT continues to target gang and other serious crime in our province.”

Investigators continue to receive information on this project and the investigation is ongoing.

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