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ALERT dismantles group trafficking cocaine in Edmonton

Edmonton...Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) has arrested four people after conducting a two-week undercover operation into a small criminal organization allegedly trafficking cocaine.

The individuals were arrested and charged last Wednesday with multiple offences, including trafficking, possession for the purpose of trafficking and proceeds of crime.

"This investigation was a major success because we've effectively wiped out an entire group that was peddling cocaine across Edmonton," ALERT Staff Sergeant Jim Peebles said.

All of the individuals charged are Edmonton residents.

As a result of the investigation, officers seized more than \$41,000 in cash and 80.1 grams of cocaine with a potential street value of approximately \$5,600.

ALERT is an umbrella organization established by the Government of Alberta to bring together the province's most sophisticated law enforcement resources to tackle serious and organized crime. Close to 400 municipal police, RCMP and sheriffs work for ALERT.

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Backgrounder:

Names of the four people charged:

Kevin CORREIA, 31
-possession of cocaine

Misty Dawn WILLIAMS, 33
-trafficking cocaine (X2)
-breaching parole

David CLARKE, 24
-trafficking cocaine (X2)
-possession for the purpose of trafficking (X2)
-possession of proceeds of crime

Benjamin Lucas ELDRIDGE, 23

- breaching house arrest
- possession for the purpose of trafficking
- possession of proceeds of crime

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