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Fort McMurray drug trafficking investigation yields two arrests

Fort McMurray... Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) has arrested individuals believed to be trafficking drugs in Fort McMurray.

The arrests were made after officers executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) search warrant at a downtown Fort McMurray residence at approximately 5 p.m. on August 27. Two individuals, one man and one woman, were located inside the residence and arrested. Criminal Code and CDSA-related charges are pending.

A search of the residence resulted in the seizure of approximately 2,724 grams of harvested cannabis marijuana, 16 cannabis marijuana plants, more than 100 OxyContin tablets, about \$700 in cash and two unsafely stored firearms.

In the interest of officer and public safety, ALERT and Wood Buffalo RCMP were assisted during the execution of the search warrant by the RCMP's Edmonton-based Emergency Response Team.

ALERT has been operating an integrated policing team, officially called a Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU), in Fort McMurray since April. Since arriving, CFSEU-Wood Buffalo has been working closely with Wood Buffalo RCMP on numerous investigations.

Other ALERT Combined Forces Special Enforcement Units are operating in Edmonton, Calgary and Medicine Hat.

The teams investigate, disrupt and dismantle serious criminal activity, such as drug trafficking networks and marijuana grow operations. They also target street-level gang activity and probe larger organized crime groups both inside and outside Alberta's borders.

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 collaboratively for ALERT. For more information about ALERT, please visit: www.alert-ab.ca.

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