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ALERT arrests large marijuana dealer in Medicine Hat

Medicine Hat...Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams' special enforcement unit has arrested a Medicine Hat resident allegedly trafficking large quantities of marijuana.

After a three-week investigation, Ronald Lorenz, 39, was arrested during a traffic stop near Redcliff on February 11. During a subsequent search of his vehicle, investigators found approximately 10 pounds of marijuana.

A search warrant was later obtained for Mr. Lorenz's residence and another pound of marijuana and \$2,000 in cash was located. The total estimated street value for both marijuana seizures is approximately \$49,000.

Lorenz has been charged with two offences: one count of possession for the purpose of trafficking and one count of proceeds of crime.

He has been released on bail and his first court appearance is scheduled for February 23, 2010 in Medicine Hat.

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

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