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Three females charged following vehicle stop

Fort McMurray... Three females have been charged and a variety of drugs seized following a vehicle stop and search warrant in Fort McMurray last Friday.

On Friday, Feb. 5, 2011, ALERT Combined Forces Special Enforcement Units (CFSEU) Wood Buffalo conducted a vehicle stop and arrested the two female occupants. Upon searching the vehicle, officers seized crack cocaine, powder cocaine, hydromorph contin, and a prohibited weapon. A search warrant was subsequently executed at a Beacon Hill residence, resulting in the arrest of another female and the seizure of about 25 grams of crack cocaine, over \$11,000 in cash, and drug trafficking paraphernalia. The drugs seized have a total estimated street value of about \$2,500.

Tina Lynn Popowich, 34, has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a prohibited weapon, and one breach.

Dana Juanita McDonald, 34, has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a controlled substance.

Connie Joyce Franson, 51, has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, and five breaches.

All of the accused are Fort McMurray residents.

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