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Nine charged in Edson drug investigation

Edson... Six people have been arrested and charged, and warrants are out for three others following a drug investigation that wrapped up on May 6, 2011, in Edson, Alberta. This was a joint investigation involving members of Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) from Grande Prairie and Edmonton working closely with Edson RCMP members.

The following individuals have been charged:

- Caitlin Marie CARIOU, 19: three counts of trafficking (cocaine), possession for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine), and possession of the proceeds of crime.
- Cody Wayne DAVENPORT, 28: trafficking (cocaine) and possession of marihuana.
- John Marshall MILLS, 37: two counts of trafficking (cocaine) and possession of cocaine.
- George Albert PLAMONDAN, 53: three counts of trafficking (cocaine).
- Trevor Philip RYPKEMA, 34: trafficking (cocaine).
- Kyle Dale SCHELLENBERGER, 21: possession for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine), possession of the proceeds of crime, and possession of marihuana.

Warrants relating to charges of trafficking have been issued for:

- Joshua Dylan PETRIN, 28
- Maria Victoria FARMER, 51
- Mark Douglas BANACK, 49

Citizens are asked to contact Edson RCMP at 780-723-8822 or their local police agency with information that may assist in locating the three subjects.

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.

Background (released on May 6): *Edson...* Eight residents from Edson and one Edmonton resident are facing a total of 20 criminal charges following a drug investigation in Edson, Alberta. Two Edson residences and a residence west of Edson were searched on May 6, 2011. Police seized five ounces of powder and crack cocaine, with a street value of \$14,000, \$8000 cash, and a small amount of marihuana. Two vehicles were also seized and will be the subject of forfeiture proceedings under the provincial Civil Forfeiture Act.

This successful investigation and the resulting charges are expected to reduce drug trafficking activity and the availability of drugs in Edson and area. RCMP members from Drayton Valley and Whitecourt, and an RCMP dog handler and dog from Sherwood Park were brought in to assist with the searches and the arrests.

