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Khat and cash seized in Fort McMurray, six charged

Fort McMurray... Six Fort McMurray residents have been charged and over 630 grams of khat and cash was seized following two search warrants executed this weekend.

On Saturday, July 9, Wood Buffalo ALERT Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU), with the assistance of CFSEU-Edmonton, and the RCMP Wood Buffalo Drug Section, Crime Reduction Team, Police Dog Services, and Emergency Response Team, executed two Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrants at a townhouse located on MacDonald Drive and two businesses on Hardin Street in downtown Fort McMurray. A search of the townhouse resulted in the seizure of 284 grams of Khat, \$1,420 cash, and evidence of drug trafficking. Eleven occupants were found within the residence. A search of the businesses resulted in the seizure of 352 grams of khat and further evidence of drug trafficking. Eleven males were found within the businesses.

Wood Buffalo Municipal Enforcement, Wood Buffalo Fire Department, and Alberta Health Services are conducting subsequent investigations at locations where the search warrants were executed.

Khat contains chemicals found in Schedule III & IV of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and is therefore illegal to possess.

Hawa HAJI-HEISI, 51, has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000. HAJI-HEISI has been released to appear in Fort McMurray court on July 12, 2011.

Abdiwali EGEL, 36; Said Abdulkadir ALI, 44; Mohamed ADEN, 47; Warsame Abdalle AWAD, 45; and Mohamed Hassan BAKAR, 40; have been charged with possession of a controlled substance. Each person is scheduled to appear in Fort McMurray court on Sept 13, 2011.

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