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ALERT and RCMP arrest five in Fort McMurray drug trafficking investigation

Fort McMurray... The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams' (ALERT) Wood Buffalo Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU-Wood Buffalo) arrested five individuals following a drug trafficking investigation in Fort McMurray.

The arrests were made on Friday, July 22, 2011 after CFSEU-Wood Buffalo in partnership with the Wood Buffalo Persons Crime Unit and Wood Buffalo Police Dog Services executed simultaneous CDSA search warrants on two residences and three vehicles in the Thickwood and Draper Road area of Fort McMurray.

Four males and one female were taken into custody at the Thickwood area residence. A subsequent search of the residences and the vehicles resulted in the seizure of approximately 1000 tablets of prescription medication, two grams of crack cocaine, \$1,075 in cash, and items consistent with drug trafficking.

Ivan HARRIS, 49; Elizabeth HARRIS, 47; and Trevor LUSH, 32, of Fort McMurray; as well as Peter McLEAN, 31, of Calgary have been jointly charged with:

- Section 5(2) CDSA - Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (Oxycontin)
- Section 355(a) CC – Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000

In addition, Ivan HARRIS has been charged with:

- Section 145(3) CC (x4) – Fail to Comply With Conditions of a Recognizance
- Section 4 (1) CDSA - Possession (cocaine)

In addition, Trevor LUSH has been charged with:

- Section 145(3) CC (x3) – Fail to Comply With Conditions of a Recognizance
- Section 4 (1) CDSA - Possession (cocaine)

Archibald BUTT, 57, of Newfoundland has been charged with:

- Section 4 (1) CDSA - Possession (Oxycontin)
- Section 129 C.C. – Obstruct Peace Officer

The total value of the cash and estimated street value of the contraband seized is in excess of \$25,000.

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.

ALERT has been operating an integrated policing team, officially called a Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU), in Fort McMurray since April 2010. Since arriving, CFSEU-Wood Buffalo has been working closely with Wood Buffalo RCMP on numerous investigations.

Other ALERT CFSEUs are operating in Calgary, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, 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.

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