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ALBERTA LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TEAMS

News release



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## ALERT shuts-down rural grow operation in Warwick area

*Edmonton...* Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) seized more than a half-million dollars worth of marijuana and arrested four men during two raids yesterday.

On September 13, ALERT's Green Team North executed a search warrant at a rural property near Warwick, Alberta, a small town about 100 kilometres east of Edmonton. ALERT was assisted by the RCMP Emergency Response Team as well as members from the Vegreville and Two Hills RCMP detachments.

Investigators located 476 marijuana plants and 10 pounds of harvested marijuana inside a house located on the property. A diesel generator was being used to provide power to the grow operation.

A second property, in the area of 130 Street and 130 Avenue in Edmonton, was also searched in connection to this case. There, investigators found an additional 5.5 pounds of harvested marijuana.

Four people found in the rural residence were arrested without incident and charged with production of a scheduled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking.

The accused, all from Edmonton, are Brian Shaw Briscoe, 32, Troy Marshall Willier, 35, Joseph Aaron Plotnikoff, 39, and Martin James Klarich, 42. The men will attend their first court appearance on September 26 at the Vegreville Courthouse.

ALERT wants to remind the public to be on the lookout for signs of a marijuana grow operation in your neighbourhood. Report any suspicious activity to police or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. To learn more about how to spot a grow operation, please visit ALERT's website at [www.alert-ab.ca](http://www.alert-ab.ca). Never investigate a marijuana grow operation on your own.

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.

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### Note to editors:

**The location of the rural property is 15 West of the 4th Meridian in the County of Two Hills.**

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