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ALERT arrests two men on firearms and drug trafficking charges

Edmonton... Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) seized a half of a kilogram of cocaine and arrested two men following a short-term investigation into drug trafficking activities in the Edmonton area.

On September 21, members of ALERT's Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit – Edmonton (CFSEU) witnessed a suspected drug transaction between two men in cars parked in the area of 109 Street and 18 Avenue. A subsequent search of one of the vehicles revealed 85 grams of cocaine and \$5,090 cash.

Investigators then executed a search warrant at a property in the area of 111A Street and 18 Avenue where they found a loaded 9 mm Beretta handgun, a switchblade, a conducted energy device, and a safe containing 400 grams of cocaine.

The accused are Dennis Sung Ho BAK, 28, and Divine GASPARD, 29, both of Edmonton.

BAK and GASPARD were both charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking. BAK faces five additional firearms and weapons offences.

"It's a great day for us when we can take a handgun off the streets of Edmonton," said Inspector Kevin Galvin, officer in charge of CFSEU-Edmonton. "With drug trafficking activity comes a serious threat to public safety. This is not just about the drugs, but about reducing the associated violence that comes along with them."

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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