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ALBERTA LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TEAMS

News release



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ALERT arrests two Medicine Hat residents on cocaine trafficking charges

Medicine Hat... On December 1, the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT), Combined Forces Special Investigation Unit Medicine Hat (CFSEU – Medicine Hat), assisted by the Medicine Hat Police Service Patrol Section, conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle entering Medicine Hat on the Trans Canada Highway. Medicine Hat resident, Tatenda Chitura, age 23, and Medicine Hat resident, David Santino, age 24, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking. A search of the vehicle was made, at which time officers located 84.1 grams of Cocaine which has an estimated street value of \$9,611.

Chitura was charged with one count of Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking and three counts of Breaching a Recognizance.

Santino was charged with one count of Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking and one count of Fraudulent Personation.

Chitura and Santino are scheduled to appear in court today in Medicine Hat.

[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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