

80,000 Contraband Cigarettes Seized by the RCMP in Saint-Hyacinthe

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Drummondville, Tuesday, March 27, 2007 – Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Centre-du-Québec Detachment Customs and Excise Section seized 80,000 contraband cigarettes last Friday in Saint-Hyacinthe. Two men were arrested during this police operation.

Based on information received, the federal officers stopped a Hummer H2 found to be loaded with contraband cigarettes in a Saint-Hyacinthe residential area. The officers searched the vehicle and the residence of one of the suspects. These searches led to the seizure of 80,000 contraband cigarettes.

A 35-year-old male resident of Saint-Hyacinthe and a 37-year-old male resident of La Prairie were arrested during the searches. Both men were questioned and later released. The investigation is ongoing. Both suspects should face charges under the *Excise Act, 2001*.

Preventing crime in strict confidentiality

The RCMP invites anyone who may have information that could help curb any suspicious or illegal activity of criminal organizations to contact the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Centre-du-Québec Detachment in Drummondville at (819) 472-1313 or in Trois-Rivières at (819) 371-3291. All calls will remain confidential.

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