

Cornwall Regional Task Force



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14 INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND TOBACCO AND ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA

(CORNWALL, ONTARIO) – The Cornwall Regional Task Force (CRTF) made and assisted in thirteen (13) contraband tobacco seizures in the following jurisdictions between February 11th and March 7th, 2011:

- Nine (9) seizures in South Glengarry, Ontario
- Two (2) seizures in Cornwall, Ontario
- One (1) seizure in Alexandria, Ontario
- One (1) seizure in South Stormont, Ontario

These seizures resulted in the arrest of the following fourteen (14) individuals who have been have been charged with Possession of Unstamped Tobacco, contrary to Section 32(1) of the Excise Act, 2001, and/or who are facing or have been charged under the provincial Tobacco Tax Act for possession of a tobacco product not properly stamped:

- Philip **Collin** (age 47), Clayton **Delorme** (age 25), and Rick **Zeran** (age 42), Richard **Rivard** (age 33), all from Cornwall, Ontario;
- Philip **Harkin** (age 34) and Brian **Gravelle** (age 36), both from Gatineau, Quebec;
- Ernest **Niedermayer** (age 46) and a young male (age 16), who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, both from South Glengarry, Ontario;
- Wayne **Connelly** (age 52), Carole **Lalonde** (age 41), and Keith **Leclair** (age 20), all from Bainsville, Ontario;
- Adam **King** (age 20), from Maxville, Ontario;

In addition to the above-mentioned charges, the following individuals have also been charged with the following in relation to these seizures:

- David **Blanchard** (age 46) and Ryan **Meek** (age 27), both from South Glengarry, Ontario, have also been charged for Breach of Probation, contrary to Section 733.1(1) of the Criminal Code.

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As a result of a traffic stop conducted by the CRTF, Scott **Turner** (age 34) from Osgoode, Ontario, has been charged with Possession of Marihuana, contrary to Section 4(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Items Seized:

- Four (4) vehicles described as: one (1) 2005 GMC Top Kick 5 tonne U-Haul truck, one (1) 1998 Dodge Grand Caravan, one (1) 2005 Dodge Caravan, and one (1) 2005 Chevrolet Venture.
- Also seized: one (1) Polaris CR800 snowmobile, one (1) Arctic Cat 800 Pro-Circuit snowmobile, one (1) 2011 Continental Elite cargo trailer, six (6) large fiberglass toboggans, and three (3) plastic children sleds.
- 26, 292 re-sealable bags and cartons each containing 200 contraband cigarettes
- 2, 232.6 kilograms of fine cut tobacco
- 12.8 grams of marihuana

During this period, the CRTF executed two search warrants at two residences resulting in the large seizures of contraband product.

Sgt. Côté stated: "We've noted an increase in contraband seizures where smugglers are utilizing snowmobiles with large toboggans to move their product. We are seeking the public's assistance by contacting the CRTF at 613-937-2800 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, if they notice any suspicious activity."

The CRTF is a joint forces partnership including the RCMP, CBSA, OPP, MOR and CCPS.

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