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JOINT POLICE INVESTIGATION LEADS TO 30 ARRESTS AND 300 CHARGES LAID *Project Cinderford tackles cross-border contraband*

(Cornwall, ON) - On July 12 and 13, 2011, numerous search warrants were executed and arrests were made at various locations in Cornwall and the surrounding area.

Project Cinderford -- a joint forces investigation launched in December 2009 -- focussed on the elimination, disruption and identification of individuals and organized crime groups involved in the trafficking, importing and exporting of controlled substances, weapons and contraband in the Cornwall area.

Project Cinderford was led by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau (OCEB) in partnership with:

- 1) Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
- 2) Cornwall Community Police Service (CCPS)
- 3) Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) and
- 4) Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

As a result of this 18-month investigation into organized crime groups within eastern Ontario and western Quebec, officers have seized:

- 2,475 grams of cocaine
- 21,565 grams of marihuana
- 1,880 oxycodone tablets
- 176 cases of contraband cigarettes
- Semi-automatic pistol with ammunition
- Automatic pistol with ammunition

The drugs and contraband have an estimated street value of more than \$700,000.

In June 2011, investigators shared information with their counterparts in the United States. Oswego (NY) Police made six (6) arrests and seized four (4) vehicles and over \$100,000 in cash.

On July 6, 2011, Project Cinderford officers stopped a vehicle in Montreal. As a result, officers seized \$37,000 in cash.

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The 20 search warrants were executed in Cornwall, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Akwasasne, Ottawa, Gatineau and Montreal, as follows:

- 1) Highway 138, St. Andrews, West
- 2) 147th Avenue, Curry Hill
- 3) County Road 42, Long Sault
- 4) 4th Street, Cornwall
- 5) County Road 4, L'Orignal
- 6) Kent Street, Ottawa
- 7) County Road 14, Osnabrook
- 8) Pitt Street, Cornwall
- 9) Dunbar Street, Cornwall
- 10) Glen Brook Street, Cornwall
- 11) Tenesateni Road, Akwasasne
- 12) Paul Taxi Road, Akwasasne
- 13) St. Laurent Boulevard, Montreal
- 14) Leger Street, Cornwall
- 15) Station Street, Cornwall
- 16) Alice Street, Cornwall
- 17) Burton Street, Cornwall
- 18) County Road 2, Summerstown
- 19) Gillespie Avenue, Cornwall
- 20) 6th Street, Cornwall

During the search warrants, officers seized:

- 12 Firearms (including 2 AK-47's and handguns)
- 1000's of rounds of ammunition
- Marihuana (259kgs) – Street Value \$2,586,550
- Cocaine (1.75 kgs) – Street Value \$175,000
- Oxycodone (150 pills) – Street Value \$6,000
- Ecstasy (4,431 pills) – Street Value \$132,930
- Illegal tobacco (100 cases) – Street value \$200,000
- Vehicles (4)
- Personal watercraft (2)
- Motorcycle
- Snow machine
- Bullet proof vests (2)
- Police duty belt
- Handgun holsters (4)
- Over \$36,000 Cash

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Officers made 30 arrests with 8 warrants outstanding:

- 1) Wyman **LAWRENCE**, 30 of Cornwall with
 - a. Trafficking (cocaine) – 3 counts **Arrest Warrant Outstanding**
- 2) Christine **MERPAW**, 26 of Cornwall with
 - a. Conspiracy to traffic (Oxycodone)
 - b. Trafficking (cocaine)
- 3) Christopher **ANDERSON**, 26 of Cornwall with
 - a. Trafficking (cocaine) – 2 counts
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 2 counts
- 4) Devon **GARLOUGH**, 26 of Cornwall with
 - a. Possession for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine)
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 2 counts
 - c. Trafficking (cocaine)
- 5) Patrick **DESLAURIER**, 35 of Ottawa with
 - a. Trafficking (cocaine)
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 5 counts
 - c. Trafficking (Oxycodone) – 4 counts
- 6) Kirtis **DEAN**, 29 of Kanata with
 - a. Trafficking (cocaine)
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 2 counts
 - c. Trafficking (Oxycodone)
- 7) Jarell **GREEN**, 21 of South Stormont with
 - a. Trafficking (cocaine) – 3 counts
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 5 counts
 - c. Trafficking (marihuana) – 2 counts
 - d. Possession of firearm with ammunition
 - e. Weapons trafficking
 - f. Possession of a prohibited device
 - g. Breach of undertaking – 6 counts
- 8) Manon **JOLY**, 46 of L'Original with
 - a. Trafficking (Oxycodone) – 4 counts
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 4 counts
 - c. Conspiracy to traffic (Oxycodone)

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- 9) Daniel **CAMERON**, 22 of Cornwall with
 - a. Excise Act – Trafficking in illegal tobacco
 - b. Possession of firearm with ammunition
 - c. Weapons trafficking
 - d. Possession of a prohibited device
 - e. Conspiracy to traffic – illegal firearms

- 10)Theodoros **KANDRIS**, 23 of Brossard, Quebec with
 - a. Trafficking (cocaine) – 4 counts
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 4 counts
 - c. Trafficking (Oxycodone) – 2 counts
 - d. Conspiracy to traffic (Oxycodone) – 3 counts
 - e. Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana) **Arrest Warrant Outstanding**

- 11)Rodney **LALONDE**,45 of South Glengarry with
 - a. Trafficking (cocaine) – 5 counts
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 5 counts
 - c. Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 48 counts
 - d. Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana) – 3 counts
 - e. Conspiracy to traffic (Oxycodone) – 3 counts

- 12)Danielle **ARCHAMBAULT**, 42 of South Glengarry with
 - a. Trafficking (cocaine) – 3 counts
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 3 counts
 - c. Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 23 counts
 - d. Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana) – 3 counts

- 13)David **FISHER**, 29 of Ottawa with
 - a. Trafficking (cocaine) – 2 counts
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 2 counts
 - c. Possession of firearm with ammunition
 - d. Weapons trafficking
 - e. Possession of a prohibited device

- 14)Francois **CHARLEBOIS**, 24 of Cantley, Quebec with
 - a. Trafficking (Oxycodone)
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime

- 15)Mark **WOODS**, 43 of North Glengarry with
 - a. Trafficking (marihuana) – 2 counts
 - b. Possession of property obtained by crime – 2 counts
 - c. Breach of probation – 2 counts

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- 16) Darren **COWAN**, 37 of South Glengarry with
- Excise Act – trafficking in illegal tobacco – 3 counts
 - Possession of proceeds of crime – 7 counts
 - Trafficking (marihuana) – 5 counts
 - Trafficking (Oxycodone)
- 17) Christos **FOURKIOTIS**, 30 of South Stormont with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 2 counts
 - Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana) – 2 counts
 - Conspiracy to traffic (Oxycodone)
- 18) Sean **PAUL**, 28 of South Stormont with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 2 counts
- 19) Nick **SARASTIOSIS**, 41 of Montreal, Quebec with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 4 counts
 - Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana)
 - Possession of property obtained by crime **Arrest Warrant Outstanding**
- 20) Shawn **LAFAVE**, 33 of South Glengarry with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 15 counts
 - Conspiracy to traffic (Oxycodone) – 3 counts
- 21) Shawn **INGRAM**, 36 of Cornwall with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 12 counts
- 22) Bazil **LAZORE**, 32 of Cornwall Island, Akwesasne with
- Excise Act – trafficking in illegal tobacco
 - Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana) – 2 counts
 - Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine)
- 23) Darby **OAKES**, 40 of New York, USA with
- Excise Act – trafficking in illegal tobacco – 3 counts **Arrest Warrant Outstanding**
- 24) Glen **LAUZON**, 56 of South Glengarry with
- Excise Act – trafficking in illegal tobacco – 2 counts
 - Excise Act – possession of illegal tobacco
 - Possession of proceeds of crime
- 25) Chris **PAUL**, 26 of Cornwall with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 10 counts

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- 26) Hilton **BISSONETTE**, 36 of South Glengarry with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 5 counts
 - Possession for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine)
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- 27) Kyle **LONGCHAMPS**, 20 of Cornwall with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine)
 - Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana)
- 28) Michael **BRUNET**, 32 of Cornwall with
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking (marihuana) – 2 counts
 - Possession of proceeds of crime – 3 counts
 - Trafficking (marihuana)
- 29) Yvon **MENARD**, 42 of Cornwall with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) – 6 counts
- 30) Jacques **ARNAULT**, 52 of Notre Dame Des Prairie, Quebec with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine)
 - Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana) **Arrest Warrant Outstanding**
- 31) Shawn **LALONDE**, 20 of South Glengarry with
- Excise Act – possession of illegal tobacco **Arrest Warrant Outstanding**
- 32) Lester **BEAUCLAIRE**, 47 of South Glengarry with
- Excise Act – trafficking in illegal tobacco – 2 counts
- 33) Laurier **LAVIGNE**, 43 of Cornwall with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine) **Arrest Warrant Outstanding**
- 34) Corey **CROSS**, 31 of South Stormont with
- Conspiracy to traffic (cocaine)
 - Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana) – 2 counts
- 35) Panagiotis **STATHOPOULOS**, 28 Of Montreal, Quebec with
- Trafficking (cocaine)
 - Possession of property obtained by crime
- 36) Victoria **MAJOR**, 32 of Cornwall with
- Trafficking (cocaine)
 - Possession of proceeds obtained by crime

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37) Christopher **MASSIA**, 27 of South Glengarry with
a. Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana) **Arrest Warrant Outstanding**

38) Ryan **BUCKSHOT**, 36 of Cornwall Island, Akwesasne with
a. Conspiracy to traffic (marihuana)

Additional charges are pending.

*"As we strive to provide solid, professional law enforcement in today's environment, we owe it to the people we serve to work cooperatively," said **OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis**. "Partnerships at all levels are vital as no one agency can do it alone. The results of Project Cinderford are a shining example that working together in an integrated and intelligence-led approach keeps our communities safe."*

*"These arrests demonstrate Canada's resolve to root out threats to our communities and prosecute criminals and organized crime members through a fair and open judicial process," stated **Assistant Commissioner Stephen White**, the Commanding Officer for the RCMP in Ontario. "The development of multi-disciplinary teams contributes to the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement efforts".*

*"Our residents need to know that we are doing everything we can to keep them safe and their property secure," said **Chief Dan Parkinson**, Cornwall Community Police Service. "I congratulate all our officers for a job well done. This is an important day for Cornwall, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and the united front that our law enforcement partnership has demonstrated in executing this project."*

*"There is no question that working in partnership to combat trans-border criminal activity significantly contributes to keeping our communities safe," said **Denis R. Vinette**, Northern Ontario Regional Director General for the **Canada Border Services Agency**.*