

Gang Members arrested in Red Deer

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Red Deer Associates of the Independent Soldiers and Red Scorpions gangs have been arrested following a joint investigation between ALERT and Red Deer RCMP. Kim Proctor, an alleged associate of the Independent Soldiers, and Steve Herman, an alleged associate of the Red Scorpions, were arrested March 8, 2017. They were arrested as a result of a 3 month investigation by ALERT Red Deer's organized crime and gang enforcement team and Red Deer RCMP General Investigation Section. Two women were also arrested.

The investigation began in January 2017 and focused on the gangs's activities in Red Deer, which allegedly involved drug trafficking. Investigators searched two Red Deer homes, located on White Avenue and Maxwell Avenue, where the alleged gang associates were arrested along with firearms and an assortment of drugs.

The following items were seized from both Red Deer Homes:

Stolen 22-caliber rifle, 38 - caliber revolver handgun

46 grams of methamphetamine, 32 grams of suspected fentanyl powder, 7 grams of cocaine, 104 grams of ketamine, and 226 grams of marijuana.

The Independent Soldiers are primarily a B.C. based gang and support clothing linking them to Red Deer were seized from Proctors' home. The Red Scorpions also have strong ties to B.C. and their presence in Red Deer dates back to July 2014, when a gang member was arrested in a joint investigation by ALERT and Red Deer RCMP.

Members of the public who suspect drug or gang activity in their community can call their local RCMP detachment or Crime Stoppers at 1 800 222 TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers is always anonymous. The community can also call SCAN (Safe Communities and Neighbourhoods) and report suspicious activity.