

## Two Charged in Dial a Dope Case

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On Friday, August 5, 2016, St. Albert RCMP Drug Unit, with the assistance of the ALERT (Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams) and St. Albert RCMP General Duty officers, arrested two people in connection to a Dial a Dope incident in St. Albert. This on-going investigation resulted in the seizure of approximately 1 ounce of methamphetamine that was divided into 71 individual baggies that were packaged for illicit sale. As well, various pieces of drug paraphernalia was seized. This amount of methamphetamine would translate into about 300 “hits” or 300 single uses that have been taken off the streets of St. Albert.

Dial a Dope Dealers mean drug dealers who use cellular phones to facilitate drug transactions. Drug deals are arranged through text messages or brief cell phone calls and then the drug dealer and the buyer meet to exchange money for the drug.

- Douglas Thomson, age 55, of St. Albert, AB is charged with:
  - 2 counts of Trafficking methamphetamine,
  - 1 count of Possession of Drugs for the Purpose of Trafficking and
  - 1 count of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime.
  
- Bobbi-Jo Starr, age 33, of Edmonton, AB is charged with:
  - 1 count of Possession of Drugs for the Purpose of Trafficking.

Both Thomson and Starr were released for court in St. Albert on September 16, 2016.

If you have information about this incident or other crimes, please call the St. Albert RCMP at 780-458-7700 or call your local police. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com), or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers [www.crimestoppers.ab.ca/](http://www.crimestoppers.ab.ca/) for instructions).

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