

## **Traffick Sheriffs Crytal Meth drug busts**

Just before noon on Feb. 8, 2016, an Alberta Traffic Sherriff with the Wetaskiwin Integrated traffic unit conducted a traffic stop on Highway 13 just north of Wetaskiwin. The south bound vehicle was pulled over for speeding. The Sherriff had some concerns about the driver and called an RCMP member for assistance. The RCMP investigation led to a search of the vehicle revealing large amounts of different illicit drugs. Police seized a large amount of Crystal Meth and smaller amounts of cannabis marihuana and cocaine. Police believe that the drugs were destined to be sold in Wetaskwin. RCMP also seized 13 cell phones and several identification cards believed to have been stolen.

Thirty year old Jamie COURTORIELLE of Edmonton has been charged with 13 offences including: four breaches of release orders, five counts of possession of property obtained by crime, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, one charge of possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, and speeding.

On February 11th, 2016, the Wetaskiwin RCMP and the General Investigation Section conducted a search warrant on a residence in the south east of Wetaskiwin. A search of the residence lead to the seizure of Cannabis Marihuana and Crystal Meth; police believe the drugs were being sold from the residence. Brass knuckles were also seized. As a result of the warrant two people were arrested and charged.

Carrie, BAKAAS, 43, of Wetaskiwin, has been charged with two counts of possessing a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, and one count possession of property obtained by crime.

Tyler PLUIM, 25, of Wetaskiwin, has been charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of a prohibited weapon.

The Wetaskiwin RCMP have seen a recent increase in the availability and use for Crystal Meth in the community. "This is a highly addictive substance with very serious, long term health effects" said Cst PORTERFIELD, the local DARE officer.

Police are requesting anyone with information on the possession or sale of Crystal Math, or any other illegal drug, to call the local RCMP at 780-312-7200. If you wish to remain anonymous information can be provided through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477) or [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) . You do not need to provide your identity to Crime Stoppers, and if your information leads to an arrest or the recovery of property you could be eligible for a cash reward.

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