

Dumped trash on Halton Hills roadside leads police to uncover drug op

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and observed him at a residence on Midsummer Dr. in Brampton. Based on Dang's behaviour police formed the belief that Dang was actively producing methamphetamine at this residence with the assistance of Michael Clark, Beverly Balfour and Bing Quan Wen.

Halton Police executed three search warrants in Brampton, Toronto and Markham on Oct. 29.

With the assistance of clandestine lab teams from the Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police, an active methamphetamine lab was discovered at Midsummer Dr. home.

While searching the residence, investigators located a 9 mm handgun with a loaded 19 round magazine, three large buckets of pills containing ephedrine tablets, 24,000 empty packages of ephedrine pills, volatile chemicals and glassware used in the production of methamphetamine and 5 kilograms of finished crystal methamphetamine with a street value of

approximately \$250,000. Smaller amounts of heroin, cannabis resin and other unknown substances were also located.

With the assistance of the OPP, Peel Regional Police, Brampton Fire Department, and Peel EMS, investigators carefully dismantled the methamphetamine lab over the course of two days. Due to the hazardous chemicals used during the process of producing methamphetamine, great care was undertaken to ensure the safety of the surrounding neighbours and for the investigating emergency crews, police said.

Charged:

- Phuong Dang, 34, of Toronto
- Mischief
- Production of Methamphetamine
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking Methamphetamine
- Possession of Heroin
- Fail to comply with Firearms Prohibition x2
- Michael Clark, 34, of Brampton
- Production of Methamphetamine



Garbage dumped on a Halton Hills road tipped Halton Police drug squad investigators to the meth operation. Right photo, some of the crystal meth recovered.



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- Possession for the purpose of trafficking Methamphetamine
- Possession of Heroin
- Beverly Balfour, 23, of Brampton
- Production of Methamphetamine
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking Methamphetamine
- Possession of Heroin
- Bing Quan Wen, 50, of

- Markham
- Production of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Ephedrine knowing it will be used in the Production of Methamphetamine
- Members of the Halton Regional Police Drug Gun and Gang unit focus their efforts on identifying those involved in the illicit drug trade and work in partnership with other police services to ensure safer

communities. Anyone with any information on this or any other drug related crime is asked to contact the Halton Regional Police Drug Gun and Gang unit or Crime Stoppers at 1 800 222-8477 (TIPS), www.haltoncrimestoppers.com or text "Tip201" with your message to 274637 (crimes).

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