

Large grow op found in Halton Hills

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would, for example, trespass on a large rural property owned by a farmer or a real estate development.”

Most owners aren't aware the grow operations are on their land.

Duraiappah said most of the grow operations consisted of 30 to 50 plants. In Halton Hills they ranged in size from about about 20 to 200 plants. The largest (150 to 200 plants) in Halton Hills was found at Trafalgar Rd. and 27 Sideroad.

One of the larger crops in Halton was 480 plants found in the Sixth Line and Britannia Rd. area of Milton.

Marijuana grows were found in several rural locations throughout Halton including:

- Trafalgar Rd. and Dundas St.
- Sixth Line and Derry Rd.
- Sixth Line and Britannia Rd.
- Winston Churchill Blvd. and Hwy. 5
- Sixth Line and Hwy. 7
- Trafalgar Rd. and 27 Sideroad
- Fifth Line and 10 Sideroad
- Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad
- North of Lowville Park
- 10 Sideroad and First Line
- 20 Sideroad (Milton)

Smaller grow operations were found by police indoors and outdoors including:

- Eaton Dr., Burlington
- Avondale Dr., Oakville
- Grosvenor St., Oakville
- Main St., Milton

- Wildwood Rd., Georgetown

Duraiappah said in the urban areas the plants were growing inside and outside of homes. They ranged in size from 12 to 70 plants.

Approximately 25 officers from the Halton Police Service Drug and Morality Unit, Guns and Gangs Unit and provincially-funded Integrated Guns & Gangs Unit assisted in the initiative.

Aerial surveillance and officers on foot were used to find the grow operations.

Halton Deputy Chief Bob Percy said, “the production of marijuana is deeply rooted in criminal activity and organized crime.”

Duraiappah said police have not established an organized crime link to the five people facing charges.

Charged with production of marijuana, possession for the purpose of trafficking are Graham Drennan, 28, and Jamie Martin, 25, of Main St. E., Milton, Norman Poores, 52, of Eaton Ave., Burlington, and Cuong Tran, 48, of Avondale Dr., Oakville. Charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking is Hine Le, 45, of Avondale Dr., Oakville.



Halton Police cadet Micael Chimienti stands among dozens of marijuana plants seized throughout Halton.

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