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## Large seizure in rural Milton

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often among crops, in most cases it's corn because it has the greatest height," said Duraiappah.

"Some people choose to grow on their own property. The majority of plants we have seized are planted on a third-party basis. They 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, he said.

Duraiappah said most of the grow operations consisted of 30 to 50 plants. One of the larger crops in Halton was 480 plants found in the Sixth Line and Britannia Road area of Milton.

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

- Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street
- Sixth Line and Derry Road
- Sixth Line and Britannia
- Winston Churchill Boulevard and Dundas Street
  - Sixth Line and Hwy. 7
  - Trafalgar Road and No. 27 Sideroad
  - Fifth Line and No. 10 Sideroad
  - Fourth Line and No. 17 Sideroad
  - No. 10 Sideroad and First Line

  - No. 20 Sideroad (Milton)
  - North of Lowville Park (Burlington) Smaller grow operations were allegedly



Halton police cadet Michael Chimienti stands among several marijuana plants seized throughout the region in the past few weeks.

found by police indoors and outdoors including on Main Street in Milton.

About 25 officers from the Halton police service drug and morality unit, guns and gangs unit and Provincially-funded integrated guns and 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.

Charged with production of marijuana and possession for the purpose of trafficking are two Milton men, 28 and 25, a 52-year-old Burlington man and a 48-year-old Oakville man. Charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking is a 45-year-old Oakville

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