

POLICE

Hard work earns award

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A York Regional Police officer trusted her instincts and went beyond the call of duty, which not only resulted in two arrests, but prevented \$1 million worth of marijuana from hitting the streets.

For her work, Const. Patricia Michaud received the Markham Rotary Sunrise Club's Community Services Award Wednesday at the 5 District station.



CONST. MICHAUD
Worked off hours to uncover drug operation

Michaud took an anonymous call last April from a woman saying, while there didn't appear to be anyone living in the home at 21 Pettigrew Road, garbage was left every week at the curb for pick-up and a man in a gray van would visit the home occasionally.

Michaud thought the information was odd enough to warrant further investigation and elected to look into it herself, often working her off hours.

She discovered the windows of the home were covered over and the electricity bill was three to five times that of other homes in the area. She then seized the garbage and discovered empty containers of plant food and pieces of growing insulators containing bits of marijuana.

Michaud was able to obtain three search warrants: one for the Pettigrew Road home, one for the suspect's Scarborough residence, and another for his pick-up truck.

Inside the home, police found a fully operational hydroponics lab with more than 30 growing plants, 94 drying plants, and drug paraphernalia. In the suspect's Scarborough home, police found a second lab, 48 plants, weigh scales, a flick knife and \$4,000 cash.

More than 100 plants were found in the truck and the driver, a 33-year-old Scarborough man, was charged with two counts of producing an illegal substance and two counts of possessing a controlled substance. His passenger, a 34-year-old Willowdale man, was charged with producing an illegal substance.

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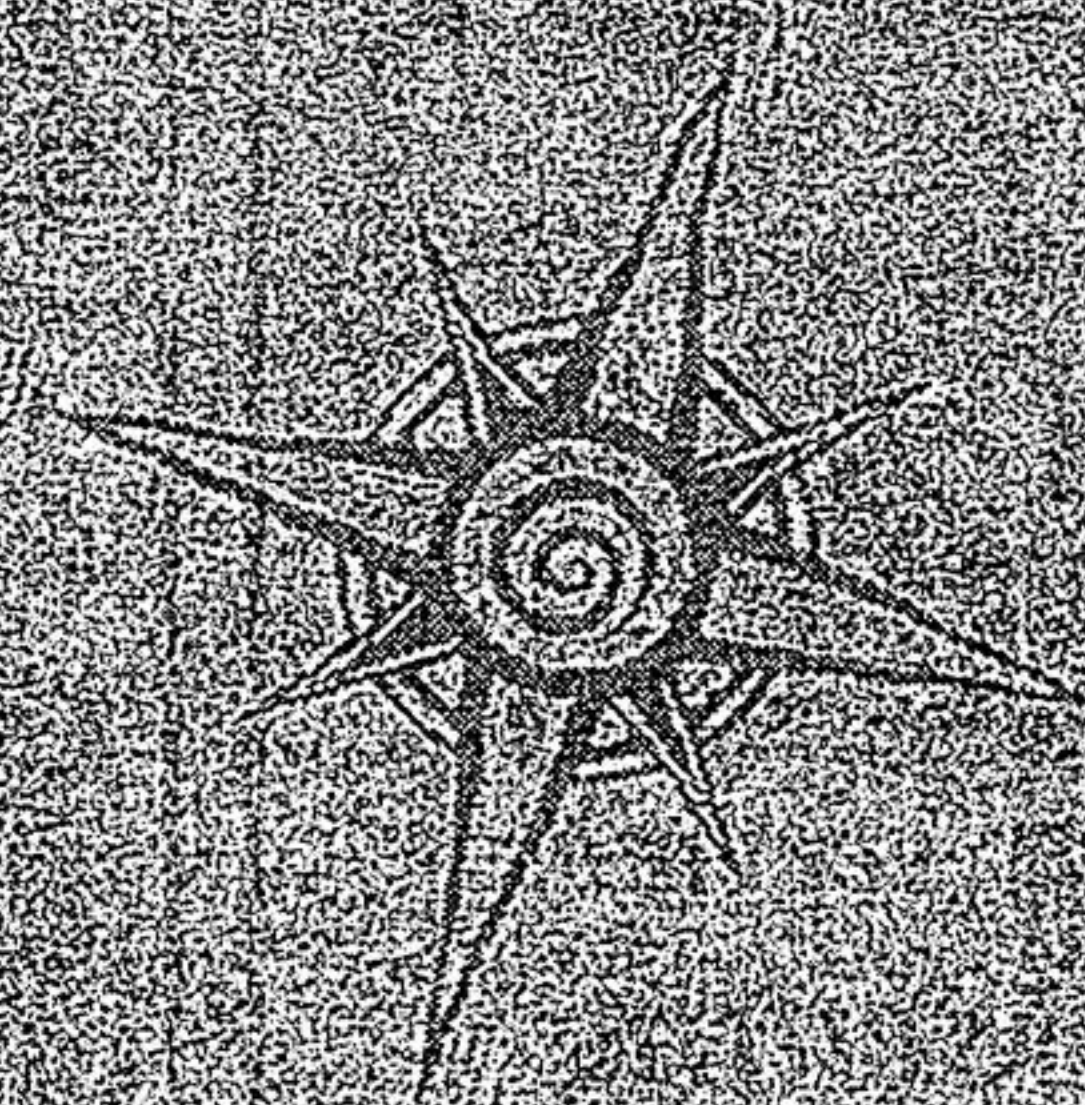
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