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CRIME WATCH

Cops seize \$4 million in heroin

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Three Markham men and one Stouffville man have been caught in a joint forces police web that has netted 14 pounds of heroin worth more than \$4 million on the street.

A total of 21 people are charged in Wednesday's bust after officers from Toronto, York Region and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police joined to form Project Impostor last May.

Police were after at least two groups thought to be distributing large amounts of heroin in the GTA. Police believed the same people were responsible for the armed robbery of Markham's Apple Canada warehouse last June as well as the manufacture and sale of high-end credit cards and counterfeit money.

Undercover officers and wire taps contributed to the success of the operation, as officers were able to buy increasing quantities of heroin, bringing them closer to the distribution networks.

A 21-year-old Apple Canada security guard was pistol whipped and forced to the ground by three men armed with handguns June 12 at the

Birchmount Road warehouse. She was tied and taped up while the suspects made off with more than \$230,000 worth of computer equipment.

While selling heroin to an undercover officer, a Scarborough man also sold a 380 calibre semi-automatic pistol, believed to have been the weapon used in the robbery.

That man, a 39-year-old Stouffville man and a 21-year-old Toronto man are charged in connection with that incident.

Three Markham men, 39, 28, and 35, all of Dunbar Crescent, in the Kennedy Road/Denison Street area, face a total of 12 charges, including trafficking in heroin, conspiracy and possession of both heroin and marijuana.

Eighteen others, from Toronto and Scarborough, face a total of 163 charges, including trafficking heroin, conspiracy to commit fraud, forge credit cards, traffic in forged credit cards and numerous firearm offenses.

Police say organized criminals of today have their fingers in many pies and these groups were no exception.

Large-scale fraud schemes were aided by a highly placed

employee of a major Canadian oil company, who used personal credit card data to create counterfeit credit cards.

Police say the potential loss from fraudulent use of credit data is \$40 million.

Bank robbed

A mid-morning bank robbery Tuesday closed the Toronto Dominion branch on Wooten Way for the day.

Confused customers milled about the branch, shrugging their shoulders and shaking their heads as they read the sign posted on the front doors which read: "We regret this branch has just been involved in a bank robbery. We will be closed until the completion of the police investigation."

A lone male suspect approached a female teller with a note about 10:40 a.m. Police said the note was threatening in nature and the teller complied.

The suspect then fled, possibly in a black sport utility truck.

Police are looking for witnesses, especially those who may have been in the parking lot at the time. Anyone with information can call 881-1221 or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS.

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