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# Ecstasy fears come to the suburbs

BY GIANNI COLAVECCHIA  
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A \$100,000 drug bust in King City is one more piece of evidence ecstasy labs are becoming firmly established across York Region, police say.

York Regional Police, along with three other forces, seized ecstasy Friday from a King home they say functioned as a drug lab.

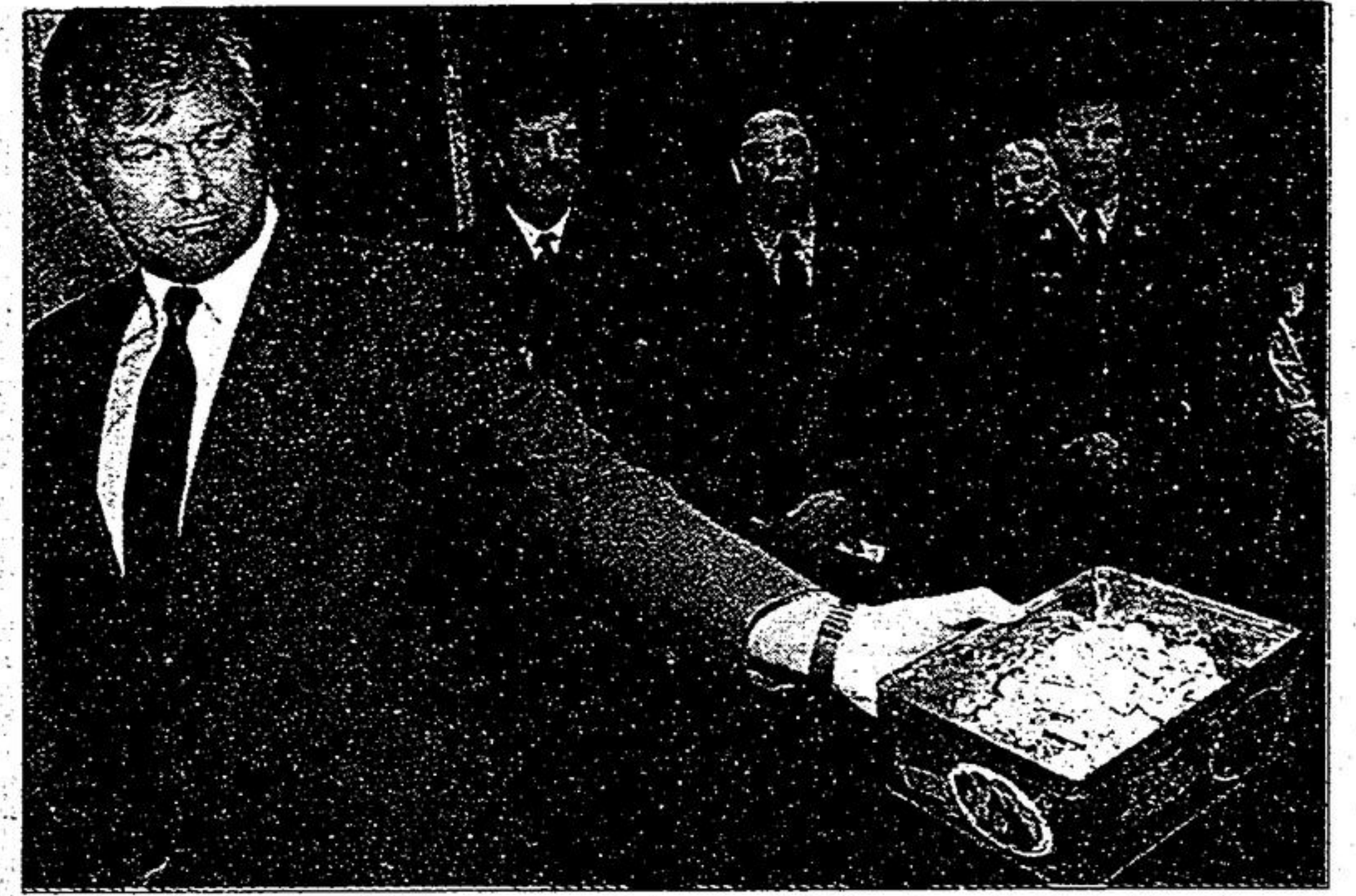
The seizure came earlier this month as part of an eight-month operation that smashed labs around Ontario.

Police say what was once exclusively a Toronto problem has found its way into York's urban and rural areas.

"We are just seeing more and more of them," York Det.-Const. Rob Cullen said Wednesday after a news conference announcing the seizure. "We have had two labs in York Region in two weeks and that's just what we're finding, so who knows what is out there?"

Police say there is no connection between the latest seizure and the raid last week of a complex ecstasy lab in Thornhill.

Several other high-profile cases involving the drug have hit York Region:



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York Regional Police Detective Constable Robert Cullen holds a cookie tin with half a kilo of MDA powder at a news conference at York Regional Police headquarters on Wednesday. Behind him (from left) members of the team are: Toronto Police Det. Sgt. Dave Brownell, OPP Staff Sgt. Bob Deasy, Toronto Police Det. Const. John Belleghem, and RCMP Const. Kevin Burk.

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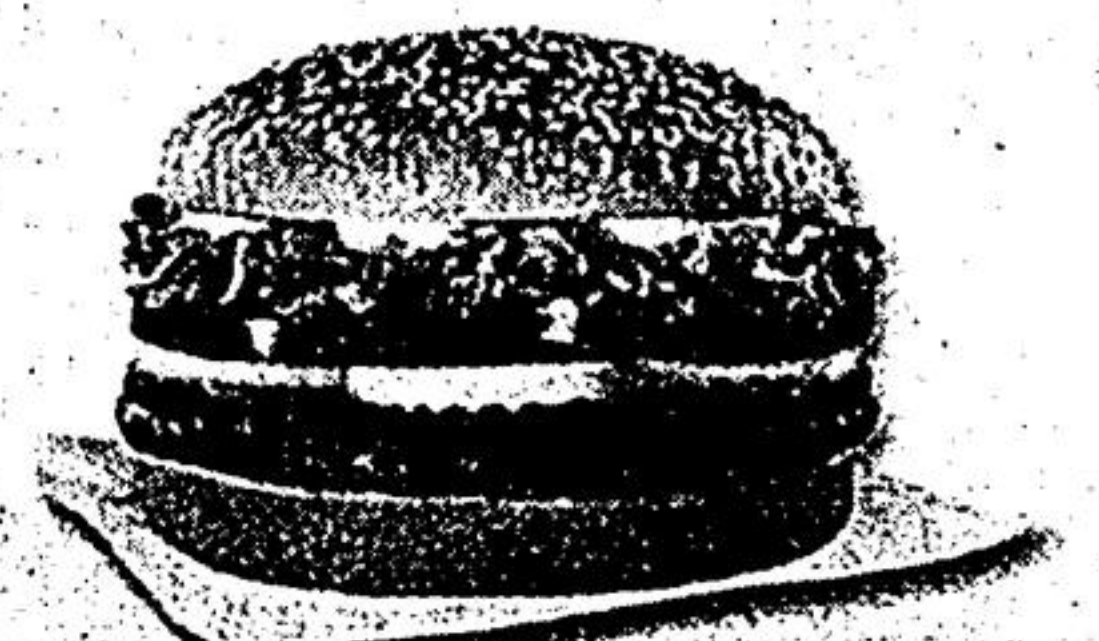
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