

**CRIME:** Stouffville man charged in \$78M seizure

# Heroin haul shocks veteran OPP commissioner

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Criminals around the world are becoming more ingenious in their attempts to ship drugs into Canada.

During a joint police bust Tuesday, which resulted in arrests in Newmarket, Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville, foreign criminals were not only allegedly caught hiding heroin in rugs and wooden crates carrying crockery from Pakistan, but also in vanilla powder from India and clocks from Guatemala.

During this latest bust, which came complete with all the intrigue of an imbedded undercover agent, the OPP's Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau landed its biggest heroin score on record.

The numbers are even more staggering than the \$40-million crystal meth bust publicized earlier this month.

One of the differences in this incarnation is that the drugs seized were worth six times more and involved plenty of heroin.

Wednesday in Vaughan, the OPP, along with the Toronto police, showed off total seizures of \$60 million in heroin along with cocaine, opium, crystal meth and ecstasy.

In all, it was \$78 million in drugs, but a much higher value on the street - \$237 million.

For police, this is a massive haul, shocking even for the OPP's commissioner.

"In 35 years, I have never held even one kilogram of heroin in my hand ... these are huge numbers even for Toronto," said Chris Lewis.

The larger quantities of heroin in the GTA are something police have been expecting, considering strict new guidelines on Oxycodone manufacturing in Canada, he later told media.

It was in 2012 that pharmaceutical giant

Purdue Pharma introduced the OxyNeo pill with a harder shell, which the company claimed was harder for junkies to get high.

In the preceding years, that drug had become the preferred high for many pill users in Canada and the United States, where pharmacy robberies were on the rise.

However, the company now believes the new formula is making it more difficult for users to "manipulate for the purpose of abuse".

Along with the new pills, doctors in Canada were told to start limiting their prescriptions to cancer pain or palliative care patients. With a vacuum in oxy, heroin filled the void.

However, this is not the only pharmaceutical that played a role in the bust.

Much like viewers will see in the award-winning hit TV drama Breaking Bad, thousands of packages of Claritin were nabbed by police.

The antihistamine is often purchased in small quantities in over-the-counter packaging and then used in the creation of meth.

Also confiscated was red phosphorus, more than \$500,000 in cash, along with a number of vehicles.

According to one officer, when mixed, red phosphorus and the Claritin ingredient, sudo, can create an extremely pure form of meth, which officers say can either be used here in Canada or shipped abroad.

The police investigation, dubbed Project Infinity, first began in June 2010 when Canadian Border Service Agency intercepted 27 carpets filled with 15 kilograms of heroin being collected from between two silver plates at the Hamilton airport.

The arrests, involving people from a number of different ethnicities, involve 17 people, including a 39-year-old from Markham, a 43, 45, 46-year-old from Newmarket and a 34-year-old from Stouffville.

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**Monday, October 7**  
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Sunday Service @ 10 am  
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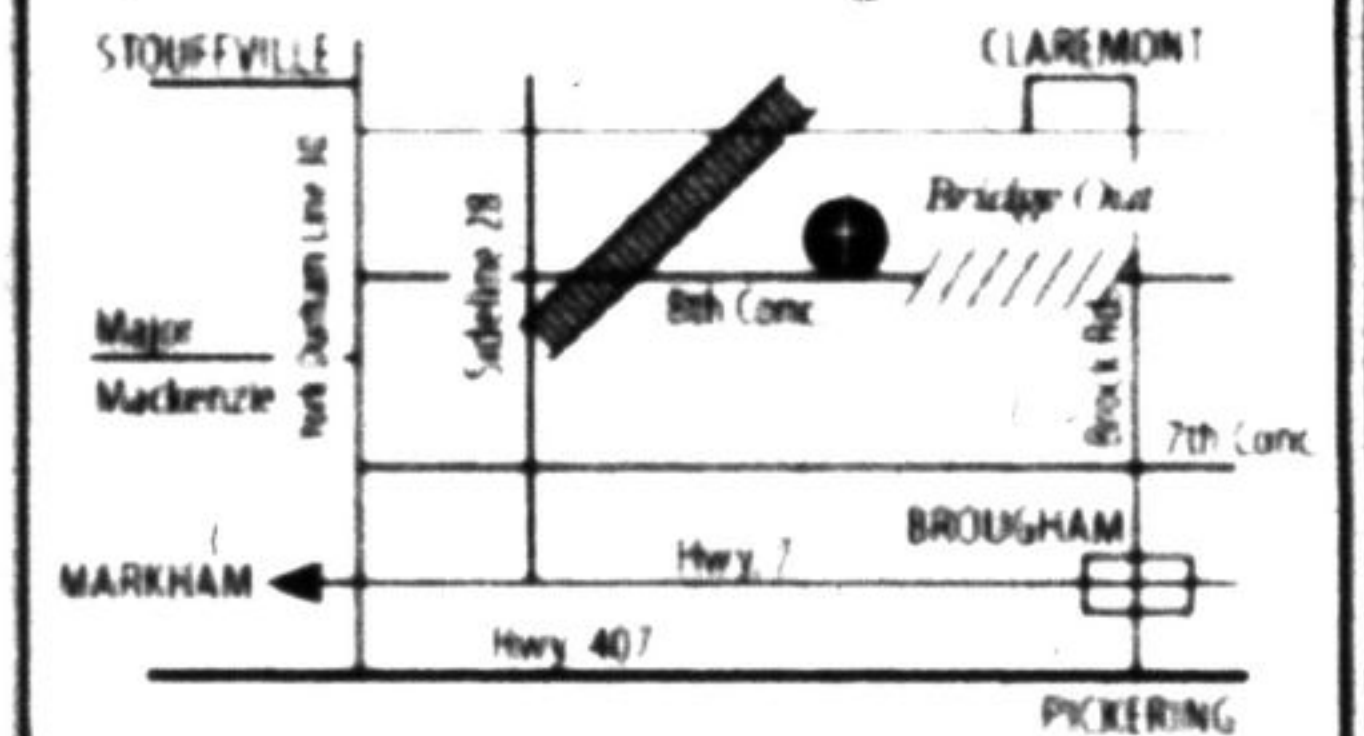
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8:00 am & 10:00 am Eucharist  
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at 10:00am

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Rev. Peter Pallant

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