



## GANANOQUE POLICE SERVICE

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### Media Release

**For immediate release: January 13, 2011**

**Subject: Seizure of contraband tobacco**

**(Gananoque)** The Gananoque Police Service together with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Health Unit, conducted a joint investigation involving contraband tobacco trafficking in the town of Gananoque. This investigation culminated today, January 13, 2011. A search warrant was executed at 425 Herbert Street in the Town of Gananoque resulting in the seizure of 212 bags of contraband cigarettes with a street value of over \$3180.00.

3 persons and one organization are facing charges under the smoke free Ontario act, Tobacco Tax Act, and Excise Act.

Profits from illicit tobacco are often used by organized crime groups to fund other illicit activities. This seizure represents Gananoque Police Service's commitment to the community to provide security and safety for its citizens. We take very seriously the criminal activities associated to the sale of illegal cigarettes and are responsive to the concerns of our residents, civic leaders, policing partners and health agencies that these activities bring.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Gananoque Police Service at 613-382-4422 or Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222- TIPS (8477).

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