

OPP – NEWS RELEASE – Project Silkstone

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Project SILKSTONE - Follow-Up Information Video #1

Fentanyl and Public Safety

(ORILLIA, ON) - As part of the Project SILKSTONE multi-jurisdiction investigation into illegal firearms and the trafficking of illegal drugs, the OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau (OCEB) is releasing a series of topic-specific videos in the coming days.

The first video in the series features Detective-Sergeant Lee FULFORD discussing the various community safety and health threats posed by the opioid fentanyl. The video is available to the public and media on the OPP's social media channels - Facebook (@ontarioprovincialpolice), via Twitter (@OPP_News; @OPP_Nouvelles) and Instagram (@ontarioprovincialpolice).

LEARN MORE

To find out more about the dangers of fentanyl and short term antidotes, we encourage everyone to visit www.facethefentanyl.ca , part of an awareness campaign supported by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP).

BACKGROUND

Project SILKSTONE began as a high-level investigation targeting multiple criminal groups involved in trafficking illegal drugs and guns along the Highway 401 corridor between the Greater Toronto Area, through the Belleville/Bay of Quinte Region and Montréal, Québec. The investigation also revealed drug trafficking activities to and from the United States. Project SILKSTONE was an 18-month probe conducted by OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau (OCEB) in partnership with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Sûreté du Québec, Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM), Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The investigation was also supported by The Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC). OPP charged 18 people with 81 offences including charges relating to the *Controlled Drug and Substances Act* (CDSA) and the *Criminal Code of Canada*. (See PROJECT SILKSTONE -- ADDENDUM OF CHARGED PERSONS on the [Media Resources Page](#))

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