

**Police execute search warrant, lay cocaine trafficking charges]**

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a quantity of drugs and charged three individuals as a result of an ongoing drug investigation in Dufferin County.

On Tuesday (Mar. 21), members of the Dufferin Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of Nottawasaga CSCU executed a search warrant at an address in the Town of Orangeville. Officers seized a quantity of Cocaine, Percocet tablets, drug paraphilia and \$1,300 in cash. In addition to the seizure, three individuals were arrested and charged with multiple offences.

As a result of the investigation, the following was seized:

? Cocaine

? Percocet tablets

? Digital scales

? Cash (\$1300)

? Cellphone

In addition to the seizure, four people were charged with the following offences.

Edward ALEXANDER, 49-year-old, from Orangeville has been charged with:

? Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

? Possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime - under \$5000

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Leanne CARLE, 53-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

? Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

Richard EVANS, 29-year-old from Orangeville has been charged with:

? Possession of a Schedule I Substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine

All three accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a future date in April 2023, to answer to their charges.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.