

**Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services**  
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***MEDIA RELEASE***

***AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SEIZE DRUGS & GUNS  
DURING SEARCH WARRANT EXECUTION IN KANA:TAKON***

On Friday, July 21, 2023, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances act search warrant at a residence in the district of Kana:takon (St. Regis), Akwesasne, Quebec.

The search warrant execution was the result of an investigation into street level drug trafficking of a controlled substance. As a result of the investigation police seized approximately 55 grams of Methamphetamine, Heroin, and 792 prescription pills. Two firearms were also seized as a result of the search.

Edward Ryan Mitchell, 44, of Akwesasne was arrested and charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking a Controlled Substance and Firearms offences. Mitchell was held pending a bail hearing.

Richard Benedict, 41, of Akwesasne was arrested at the scene for having two outstanding arrest warrants and found in possession of a controlled substance. Benedict was also held pending a bail hearing.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service encourages the public to report any suspicious activity or crime by calling Akwesasne Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000 or the non-emergency number at 613-575-2340.