



MEDIA RELEASE

TRAFFICKING AND ILLEGAL USE OF FENTANYL

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Crime Stoppers of York Region recently held a press conference at York Regional Police #5 District Headquarters in Markham to promote Crime Stoppers month.

In attendance were York Regional Police Chief Eric Jolliffe, David Forster, President - Canadian Crime Stoppers Association, Leo Ralph - Chair of Crime Stoppers of York Region, Dr. Ilan Nachim - Lead Physician at Southlake Regional Health Centre and Consultant for Addiction Services for York Region and York Regional Police Detective Doug Bedford. They spoke about the issues of Opiates and Fentanyl with a health and policing perspective.

Announced at the press conference is a strategy to assist in curbing the illegal use or trafficking of Fentanyl. During the months of February and March 2017, any tip received that leads to the arrest of anyone trafficking Fentanyl or leads to the seizure of Fentanyl or its derivatives **will receive double the authorized reward.**

"York Regional Police continues to warn the public about the dangers associated with the recreational use of fentanyl as people may not know that abuse of this drug may have fatal consequences," said Chief Eric Jolliffe. "Numerous deaths from fentanyl overdoses have occurred across North America and our officers are dealing with fentanyl-related crimes in York Region on a regular basis. We urge citizens to be cautious and only use fentanyl as prescribed by a medical doctor and come forward to report any abuse of fentanyl or fentanyl-related crimes in our community."

Tipsters are reminded that they can submit a tip three ways. By phone at 1800-222-TIPS(8477), on our website at www.1800222tips.com or by text at CRIMES(274637) with the subject heading TIPYORK.

For further information, contact the Crime Stoppers Police Coordinator, Sergeant Trevor Hanco #400 at coordinator@1800222tips.com or call 905-830-0303 extension 6767.