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Criminal Intelligence Service Canada's 2006 Annual Report Highlights Organized Crime Threats in Canada

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ST JOHN'S - Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC) today released its *2006 Annual Report on Organized Crime in Canada* at a news conference in St. John's. The report demonstrates CISC's commitment to keeping the public informed about organized crime in Canada.

The Report was presented by CISC National Executive Committee Chair, Giuliano Zaccardelli (Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police), who was joined by CISC National Executive Committee Vice-Chair, Normand Proulx (Director General, Sûreté du Québec), CISC National Executive Committee member, Chief Joe Browne (Royal Newfoundland Constabulary), and Chief Jack Ewatski (Winnipeg Police Service), President of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

The purpose of the *Annual Report* is to raise awareness about the multitude of threats posed by organized crime groups and to enlist public involvement in protecting their communities by reporting crime. Public participation and support is crucial to the efforts of Canadian law enforcement agencies to fight organized crime.

The report highlights the criminal markets within which organized crime groups typically operate, and examines the organizational dynamics and operational methods of these various groups. By describing the many forms and activities of organized crime groups CISC hopes to underscore the fact that organized crime is never victimless – whether it be the person who loses his or her home through mortgage fraud, the person injured by using unsafe counterfeit goods, or an entire community dealing with street gang violence.

“Experience has taught us that a coordinated response is the most effective weapon against organized crime,” says RCMP Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli, CISC National Executive Committee Chair. “Since organized crime operates in multiple jurisdictions and across international boundaries, law enforcement must continue working toward better coordination, more integration and an even sharper focus on the sharing of information and intelligence.”

CISC is instrumental in helping law enforcement fight organized crime in Canada. As a leader in Canada's criminal intelligence community, it facilitates a coordinated and integrated approach to law enforcement. CISC's member agencies are comprised of federal, provincial, regional and

municipal police departments and various law enforcement, intelligence and regulatory agencies working through 10 provincial bureaus and a central bureau located in Ottawa. They work together to gather and share information and intelligence to prevent, detect and reduce organized and serious crime in Canada.

Sûreté du Québec Director General Normand Proulx says that by sharing intelligence on organized crime, CISC helps protect the public from being victimized. “However, the public has a role to play by becoming more aware of organized crime, safeguarding personal and financial information, and reporting any criminal activity they see.”

Organized crime groups undertake a wide range of criminal activities, including illicit drug production and distribution, vehicle theft, fraud, identity theft, counterfeit goods and money laundering. Many of these activities are facilitated through the use of violence and intimidation, and in some cases pose a direct threat to public safety. Canada’s law enforcement community is working collaboratively across jurisdictions, using intelligence and technology to provide an organized, coordinated response that creates safer homes and communities.

“By working together to collect and share criminal intelligence, we help ensure that our law enforcement partners have the best possible intelligence on common organized crime threats,” says CISC Director General Sandra Conlin. “We know that intelligence-led policing is the most effective way to combat organized crime.”

The *2006 Annual Report on Organized Crime in Canada* can be obtained from CISC’s website at www.cisc.gc.ca. Enquiries about the Report should be directed to the CISC Central Bureau at (613) 993-9061 or by e-mail at webmaster@cisc.gc.ca. General inquiries may also be directed to the nearest Provincial Bureau at the coordinates on the attached list.

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