

# Media Release



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## **Illicit Drugs Seizure in Townsville**

Three men will face Townsville Magistrates Court today to face drugs charges following an attempted importation of what is believed to be approximately 11kgs of an amphetamine type substance into Australia.

The arrests occurred last night, (8 June 2005) following a four day AFP operation.

AFP generated intelligence led agents to believe that illicit drugs were being sent to Australia via a maritime vessel.

Investigations by the AFP resulted in the apprehension of a US citizen, aged 36, and a Gold Coast based Canadian man, aged 34.

Two of the men were apprehended at a highway service station approximately 20km south of Townsville where they were arrested, allegedly in possession of the illicit drugs, which had been concealed in gift wrapped packages.

The AFP also arrested a third man, a 39 year old US citizen, at a Townsville hotel. The room occupied by the man was searched and items, including US\$10,000 cash were seized.

The three men have each been charged with importing a prohibited import contrary to the provisions of the Customs Act 1901.

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