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CONVENTION FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE AND REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION
OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931 AS AMENDED BY THE
PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

CANADA

SEIZURE OF DIACETYLMORPHINE MADE IN YORK, ONTARIO, ON 10 AUGUST 1947

Report No. 47 Communicated by the Government of Canada on 3 November 1947

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with Article 23 of the Convention for limiting the
Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of 13 July 1931,
as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the Secretary-General has
the honour to communicate the following report on the above mentioned
seizures to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties
to the Convention.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

No. 47

1. Name of person or persons implicated: Leonard Elnor (Canadian)
(Occupation: Painter) (Born: Feb. 5, 1921)
2. Date of Seizure: Aug. 10, 1947
3. Place of Seizure: Township of York, Ontario
4. Kind and quantity of drug seized: Diacetylmorphine - 240 capsules
5. Act and Section under which charged: Opium and Narcotic Drug Act
Sec. 4(1)(d) "Illegal Possession Diacetylmorphine"
6. Result of prosecution:
 - (a) Date sentenced: October 2, 1947
 - (b) Where sentenced: Toronto, Ontario
 - (c) Sentence: 3 years: \$500 (U.S.A.\$500) or six months
7. REMARKS: This was Elnor's first offence under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act; he has, however, quite a lengthy record of other convictions, such as breaking, entering, theft, etc. He pleaded Guilty to the charge of "Possession" but, notwithstanding that fact, all the evidence was put in with a view to showing that accused was actually trafficking in narcotics.

The offence for which Elnor received such a salutary sentence and which will somewhat curtail his narcotic activities for the next few years, occurred in the Township of York, on the outskirts of Toronto, Ontario. In this instance, the law enforcement authorities have to thank a keen and observant civilian for assisting in bringing to book a criminal who intended to make huge financial gain from this nefarious traffic. It was about 8.00 p.m. on August 10th that Elnor was seen to get out of the car he was driving and hide two small white parcels at the base of a shrub, covering same with grass. After Elnor's departure, and being somewhat suspicious as to the contents of the parcels, our civilian immediately contacted a Township Police Sergeant who, upon arriving at the scene, examined the parcels and took cover in the surrounding bush from which place he observed Elnor twice drive past the shrubbery. The third time, about 9.15 the same evening, he drove up and, leaving the motor running, proceeded to the bush, picked up the parcels and returned to his car. The Officer rushed Elnor, who had managed to get into the car and drive away. The Officer, however, jumped on to the running board and, after subduing Elnor, brought the car to a stop. Federal Narcotic authorities now took over. Examination of the parcels disclosed 130 capsules in one, 110 in the other, the whitish powder contents being analysed Diacetylmorphine.

Elnor was arrested and charged, and, having elected trial by a Higher Court, was allowed out on bail of \$5000 (U.S.A.\$5000), this amount being provided by one Edward Guiller of Toronto, believed to be one of the big shots of a narcotic trafficking syndicate operating in Toronto. He duly came to trial being sentenced as stated. Elnor's automobile was confiscated under Sec. 21 of the Drug Act.

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The following points of interest also prove beyond doubt that Elnor was trafficking and is the party who ~~was~~ making up the bundles of narcotics and hiding them for a "Syndicate" in Toronto. As a result of a search of Elnor's residence, Police found in various places throughout the house a very large number of small wooden matches; empty match boxes (the "penny" or one cent variety) were also discovered. These boxes are identical to the brand and size which a local "Drug Syndicate" is caching narcotics in, hiding same at different locations in the City of Toronto. Search of Elnor's pockets and car also revealed a number of these empty match boxes. And the examination of the seized exhibits disclosed there were six small pieces of contraceptive, each containing five capsules. In this connection it is significant that this is the exact number of capsules placed in match boxes cached by the "Syndicate".

JS/JC
Ottawa, Ont.
November 1, 1947

(signed) K. C. Hossick
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