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Public Safety Alert, Homemade wine seized, Woman faces four charges, 13 Division

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13 Division
416-808-1300

The Toronto Police Service would like make the public aware of a quantity of homemade wine being sold which could pose a health risk.

It is alleged that:

- on Sunday, June 1 , 2008, the 13 Division Liquor Enforcement and Community Response Unit investigated a group of people in Earls court Park,
- they were in possession of a four-litre jug of homemade red wine, said to have been purchased at a nearby store for \$12,
- on Monday, June 2, 2008, the distributor was identified as “Joe’s Garden Centre and Grapes,” 1921 Davenport Road,
- a large quantity of homemade wine ready for sale to the public was located at this address,
- 2,276 litres of red/white wine, contained in bottles, pails and plastic jugs, were seized, with an estimated street value of \$11,380,
- the wine was tested and found to contain 11% alcohol by volume,
- the production, distribution and sale of this wine is not monitored by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario or Health Canada,

Esperanca Silva, 42, of Toronto, is charged with:

- 1) Unlawfully Keep liquor for sale,
- 2) Unlawfully offer liquor for sale,
- 3) Unlawfully sell liquor,
- 4) Ferment on premise no licence.

She is scheduled to appear in court at 2700 Eginton Avenue West on Tuesday, July 8, 2008,

room W7, 9 a.m.

Anyone with information on this investigation is asked to contact police at 416-808-1300, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or online at www.222tips.com.

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