

NOTES FROM MEETING WITH DIDSBURY RCMP DEC 18, 2014

Cst. Curtis Goulash; Judy S – CATV, Paul Frey – Didsbury Review; Kevin Vink – Carstairs Courier

INCIDENTS:

1. DEC 11 in Carstairs – attempted entry into vehicle – alarm scared off offender.
2. DEC 14 in Didsbury between midnight & 2 pm. Offender entered into unlocked garage and spray painted vehicle parked inside.
3. DEC 15 @ Range Road 281 and Township 292. Unlocked Shop on rural residence broken into and 3 vehicles with keys in stolen. 1 recovered. Still to be recovered: 2011 White Dodge Ram BKP 7469 and White Sierra GMC – licence plate 62G 972 recovered but not vehicle.
4. DEC 17 B & E reported at Range Road 15 & Township 310. Front door of residence forced open. Jewelry & ammunition stolen. Guns were in locked safe and left behind.
5. Dec 15 Mail boxes vandalized – locks cut @ Range Road 15 & Highway 580. AND ...
6. DEC 17 – Mail boxes vandalized – locks cut @ Range Road 20 & Highway 580. Thieves are looking for gift cards or cash, or something they can pawn.
7. Lots of unlocked vehicles in Didsbury have been entered and ransacked. Coin, CD's, phone stolen Happening during early morning hours. 5 am to 8 am.
8. BETWEEN NOV 28 – DEC 2. Propane tanks stolen off holiday trailer parked on Railway Avenue in Carstairs.
9. DEC 12 – 13. Blue 09 Subaru Forester stolen from 18 ave in Didsbury. Spare keys may have been in vehicle. Recovered in Surrey, BC.
10. DEC 14 – overnight vehicle stolen from Hammond St in Carstairs. 2012 Green Ford 350. Recovered from driveway in Carstairs. Hunting equipment stolen from vehicle. Keys were left in vehicle.
11. DEC 12 – 14. There were several unlocked vehicles with keys inside stolen from the detachment area and later recovered but various contents stolen. Also a lot of vehicle prowling incidents. Thieves looking for cell phones & accessories, loose change, documents. Garage door openers and keys.

RCMP are encouraging anyone with information on these incidents to contact them or Crime Stoppers. Thieves are OPPORTUNISTS! **Please lock vehicles and residents** – this cannot be stressed enough!! Also please report all incidents even if it appears nothing has been stolen. Call and report vehicles left parked in fields or driveway accesses for several days – they may be stolen, abandoned vehicles. And if you see a suspicious vehicle – please try to get license plate but do not confront the suspect or put yourself in danger. Take a picture with your phone if you can The Westcott – Bergen – Hwy 22 areas **and** where there is easy access to highways for escape, are being targeted right now. **TIP:** Driveway alarms alerting you to when someone drives in are very beneficial as are trail cameras.

Stolen equipment serial numbers when available are entered into the CIPC System in case they are discovered in another detachment area. Targeting electronics, Ford pick-ups – 150, 250, 350 and welding equipment. Christmas is approaching and thieves are casing and targeting electronics, power tools, welding equipment and other stuff that is easy to pawn. TIP – if you are going to a special event – birthday party, xmas party. Post the information on Facebook AFTER THE EVENT – DON'T ADVERTISE THAT YOUR PLACE WILL BE VACANT. Most thieves are using trucks (and possibly trailers) and are prowling the early morning hours looking for targets. If you see an unknown vehicle driving around your neighborhood – get description, license and picture if possible.

The Didsbury Detachment will have modified hours for December 1 – 29. Temporary hours will be 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Monday to Friday. Closed from noon – 12:30 p.m. for lunch. This is due to support staff shortages. The detachment is closed December 25 – 26 and January 1. Offices can be accessed however, through the yellow phone at the door. Just pick it up and you will be connected to central dispatch who will contact an officer on duty and they will get back to you, If it is an emergency CALL 911.

Judy Schlichenmayer