

## DIDSBURY RCMP CRIME REPORT – AUGUST 6, 2015

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### INCIDENTS:

1. BETWEEN JULY 31 – AUG 5. Bags of insulation were stolen from an unlocked garage in Carstairs.
2. JULY 31 – 12:50 pm. 20 Ave Didsbury – Hit & Run. Suspect vehicle – Black Chev pickup. Reads-ended Silver KIA Sportage. Victim received minor injuries.
3. JULY 29 – AUG 3. White F350 (locked) stolen from in front of residence on 23 Ave in Didsbury.
4. AUGUST 1, 2015 – 8 pm . Gas & Dash of \$80.49 from Didsbury. A male – large, bulky wearing a ball cap driving a white chev pick-up.
5. AUGUST 1, 2015 – 8 pm. Rock thrown through window @ Southridge Crescent, DidsburyAUGUST 2, 2015 – A \$250 taxi fare was unpaid as a female was dropped off at the Didsbury hospital. She was a taller blonde around 24 years of age. A white Dodger pick-up with a young male driver picked her up and took off.
6. AUGUST 1, 2015 Carstairs Bylaw observed stolen vehicle – Blue F350 but unable to apprehend.
7. AUGUST 2, 2015 – Attempted B & E of F350 in Carstairs.
8. AUGUST 2, 2015 – 07 Blue F350 stolen from Sylvan Lake recovered in Didsbury: Theft of 02 white F pickup recovered in Maple Ridge, Saskatchewan; Stolen F250 recovered on Energy Leasing site near Didsbury, stolen from Olds.
9. An analyst reviewed the crime stats for the Didsbury Detachment from April to July. Points noted:
  - Mid to late Ford Trucks are being targeted.
  - Many times vehicles unlocked.**If you have one of these vehicles – take extra precautions to make sure vehicle is locked and valuables are not left in them!!!**
  - 86% of the thefts were reported Sunday or Monday; over half overnight; almost half from the rural area.
  - Most common – unlocked vehicles with keys in taken overnight and recovered in Red Deer or Calgary areas.
  - THEFTS & B & E's. Accessed through unlocked doors; suspects target jewelry, cash. loose change, small electronics and license plates. .**TIP: Don't leave valuable jewelry in jewelry boxes. Check your vehicle regularly to ensure plate is still on it.**

RCMP are encouraging anyone with information on these incidents to contact them or Crime Stoppers. Thieves are OPPORTUNISTS! **Please lock vehicles and buildings**– 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 or 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. **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. 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 neighbourhood – get description, license and picture if possible.

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