

NOTES FROM MEETING WITH DIDSBURY RCMP MAR 19, 2015

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INCIDENTS:

1. MAR 5 - Property was recovered at a residence in Didsbury as the result of a search. A 28 year old male from Didsbury with ties to Calgary - Brendon Augustus - has been charged with possession of stolen property. This recovered property – an expensive Cub Cadet Snow Blower, Multiple golf bags with clubs, Snow Board, Champion generator and significant amount of construction equipment, is at the Didsbury detachment. Anyone believing it could be their property is asked to come to the detachment with proof of ownership to claim.
2. MAR 11 – overnight in Carstairs on Goddard Circle a locked Chevy Silverado was entered and rummaged through. A GPS was stolen.
3. MAR 12 – in Carstairs on Dallaire Drive, a Chevy Silverado with the window accidentally left open a crack was entered by the thief manually pushing the window down. A large sum of money from the console, a hockey bag and equipment including hockey sticks, a Makita power tool, iPad Mini and wallet were stolen.
4. MAR 12 – in Carstairs at business: 2 Guys Auto Parts and Trailers had a locked black 2005 F350 dually stolen. Plate: M45309.
5. MAR 12 – 3:30 am. Didsbury RCMP doing random patrols found a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of Fas Gas in Didsbury with 4 males inside. Upon running the plate it was determined the driver had an outstanding arrest warrant. A traffic stop was conducted and the vehicle smelled like marijuana. Upon search of the vehicle – a small quantity of marijuana & fentanyl, shot gun with serial number scratched off and ammunition, a spiked wrist band, knife, baseball bat, gloves and multiple face masks. Gordon Defoe (25 years old) of Didsbury, Laba Arkouche (35 years old) of Calgary, Adam Young (32 years old) of Calgary and Brian Gainor (38 years old) also of Calgary were arrested and charged with unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon and are scheduled to appear in court later this month. RCMP believe this arrest prevented further potential violent crimes in the community of Didsbury.
6. MAR 13 – In Cremona. A gentlemen reported while he was looking after a neighbors residence he found the gate knocked over and an 2002 green Arctic Cat 500 Quad with plate: LZ 332 AND an Arctic Cat snowmobile were stolen.
7. MAR 13 – in Carstairs on West Highland Link, a new residence under construction was entered and several power tools and a space heater were stolen.
8. MAR 16 – At Tanas Concrete in Didsbury. A 2006 F350 truck and trailer with Skid Steer were stolen overnight. Four hours later, Calgary city police recovered the truck and trailer but the skid steer – A 2007 Caterpillar VIN: 0257BKSLK06824 has not been recovered.
9. MAR 17 Overnight in Carstairs on McAlpine Street a 2014 Red F150 – Lic BJJ 2352 was stolen. It was locked but keys were in the console.
10. MAR 18 – At Home Hardware in Didsbury, a passerby noticed the back gate and bay door open. It is unknown if anyone entered the facility and nothing appears to be missing.
11. MAR 17 - Seizure of Drugs. On March 17th, 2015 Didsbury Protective Services conducted a traffic stop with a male in a 2008 White GMC Sierra. When he spoke to the driver, the community peace officer identified evidence of marijuana possession and immediately engaged the Didsbury RCMP to assist. Didsbury RCMP attended and entered into a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act investigation. The male was arrested and the vehicle was searched. RCMP and Didsbury Protective Services located over half a pound of marijuana in the vehicle. The charges pending against the male include covering window with an opaque material (tint), having alcohol in easy access to the driver

RCMP is 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 . And if you are going away don't post it on Facebook until you get back!!

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