

Girls robbed and assaulted near Didsbury

Three suspects facing several charges

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Three suspects are facing several charges after two young girls were robbed and held against their will in the Didsbury rural area on Sept. 11.

“Two females were travelling along (in their vehicle) and ended up being stopped and waved down by the suspects at which point they were bear sprayed,” said Airdrie RCMP Const. Jason Curtis.

“They were confined in the vehicle and the vehicle travelled a short distance at which point the suspects released them and not without stealing their wallets, valuables and cellphones,” he said.

“Quite a terrible experience for them but thankfully they weren’t harmed and they were able to provide excellent statements.”

The girls were dropped off on the side of the road and were able to contact police fairly quickly. Didsbury RCMP officers assisted with the investigation.

“We spent significant investigational time investigating in this and assisting those victims,” said Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kimberley Pasloske.

Police allege the suspects were on a crime spree.

The investigation involved several incidents throughout the day and was a joint effort between the Airdrie, Didsbury and Gleichen RCMP detachments.

Earlier that day, Airdrie RCMP received a complaint of a stolen vehicle at the Esso in Crossfield. The owner of the vehicle was inside the gas station paying for gas when he saw multiple suspects steal his vehicle.

The vehicle was located in a rural area about two hours later along with another vehicle that had been stolen from Strathmore.

Shortly after that is when the police were contacted by the two young girls who had been robbed and assaulted.

The description of the suspects they provided matched the description of the suspects who stole the vehicle in Crossfield, say police.

Officers were then alerted to a theft from a liquor store in Sylvan Lake with a matching description of the same suspects.

Gleichen RCMP officers were later called to a single vehicle collision. The vehicle involved was one of the stolen vehicles, but the suspects were no longer at the scene.

Officers ended up finding and arresting three suspects, and through further investigation, they were also alleged to have been involved in an armed robbery in Gleichen at 4 a.m. that morning.

Ranell Mary Lee Calf, 20, of Red Deer, Lyle Brennan Yellowfly, 19, of Siksika Nation and Lindros Brett Cutter, 20, of Siksika Nation are all facing several charges related to forcible confinement, robbery with a weapon, theft of vehicles and possession of weapons for dangerous purposes.