

Innisfail RCMP: Do not pursue suspicious vehicles!

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We've had a few complaints recently where complainants would locate suspicious vehicles and then pursue the vehicle while calling police.

This is to stop immediately.

Civilians are not trained in emergency vehicle operation and they put themselves and the otherwise unaware public at extreme risk of death or grievous injury and could also open themselves up to both criminal and civil liability in the event that something bad happens.

Recent history has shown that people who take the law into their own hands are made an example of by the courts. I certainly don't want any of our law abiding citizens to end up facing criminal or civil action because a suspicious truck pulled into their property.

The best thing for people to do is get a license plate, vehicle description or suspect description and call the police.

If the public is not satisfied with the number of police officers in the community, I encourage everyone to contact their local politicians and express their displeasure. Our local politicians include:

Brian SPILLER - Mayor - Town of Innisfail

Jim WOOD - Mayor - Red Deer County

Don MACINTYRE - MLA - Innisfail / Sylvan lake

Earl DREESHEN - Member of Parliament - Red Deer

We appreciate that people want to help catch the bad guys, but we, as police officers, have the training, equipment, and knowledge to take suspects into custody safely.

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