

Areas being hit

Via Raven Rural Crime Watch

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As some of us are painfully aware, the Cottonwood and Oklahoma areas have been getting hit hard with property crime lately. The Oklahoma hall was broke into along with the Cottonwood Gordon hall.

One residence south of Oklahoma hall and 2 residences north have been hit as well. It is becoming a daily occurrence.

We need to get to know our neighbors better and know when they are away in order to watch over their place and vice versa. Everyone needs to get involved in order for this to work. I know that it virtually impossible to be watching all the time, but every little bit can help.

Another area to be addressed is our mail boxes. It appears that some boxes are being checked daily for anything valuable. Please don't send any cheques in the mail. It may be a little inconvenient for you but cheques are what theses criminals are looking for. One member determined that they had a cheque, made out to a company, stolen from their mailbox and showed up in Calgary. They had somehow changed the payee on the cheque and tried to cash it. Thankfully the teller was on the ball and phoned the one who wrote the cheque. The teller was informed that the cheque had been stolen.

Please don't hesitate to call the RCMP if you see anything suspicious. Some members are even frustrated with this as it seems they get put on hold too long and end up hanging up. I don't have any answer for this but perhaps I can inquire to see if this is an issue.

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