

Via Red Deer/Lacombe RCW: Attempted Break In RR 12 & Twp Rd 384, west of Cygnet Lake

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This came in from a resident today and they asked it be shared. I told them I would pass it on to our membership, as it has been shared on our RCW FB page and numerous other community sites for people to be aware and report suspicious activity.

"At 1:30 AM (this morning) I was awoken from my sleep to witness 2 individuals attempting to gain access to our shop at the rear of our property. I startled them and they fled out the rear (east) side of the property. Unsure if they went north or south after that. I quickly notified my husband and called 9-1-1. The RCMP were on the scene in about 3 minutes. They stayed with us for a few hours until the area was cleared. We stayed up the rest of the night listening to the dogs bark in the neighbourhood wondering if "they" were on the move from their hiding spot. Hard to sleep after something like this. There unfortunately was no arrests. An initial survey of the property revealed three vehicles entered, attempted theft and rummaged through. Not an overly productive night for them which is good for us, but officers advise they will likely be back to finish what they started. There likely was a third suspect in a vehicle that left the scene through the front of the property undetected. We were more focused on the crackers out back. Hard to put my feelings into words this morning. Going through so many emotions. Stay safe neighbours."

I asked the resident if they had motion lights or cameras on the shop area or anywhere around the property. They advised motion lights, but nothing else but that was being attended to today. The more we "target harden" our property, the better.

They asked if sharing info such as this worked and I replied "the RCMP cannot be everywhere and they rely on communities to feed them information on suspicious vehicles, persons whatever. This would become a "hot spot" and this may be linked to something else, within this area, or close by. We never know what becomes of our information.

If you have information about this, or any other crime(s), and you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at www.tipsubmit.com/, or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers [www.crimestoppers.ab.ca/] for instructions on how to do it.) You do not have to reveal your identity to Crime Stoppers, and if you provide information to Crime Stoppers that leads to an arrest(s), the recovery of stolen property, and/or a seizure of illicit drugs, you may be eligible for a cash reward.