

RCMP Olds Detachment - April 5 to April 13

RCMP Olds Detachment have seen an increase in Impaired Drivers this past week.

On April 5, 2016 Police attended the Mountain View Plaza parking lot for male reportedly drinking beer in his vehicle. Police demanded the driver provide samples into an approved screening device. The driver, Kevin Hehr, of Mountain View County failed to provide samples into the device and is charged with Failing to Provide samples of his breath into and approved screening device, Section 254(5) of the Criminal Code. Mr Hehr is also charged with Transporting liquor in a vehicle within access of an occupant, Section 87.1(2)(b) of the Gaming and Liquor Act. First Appearance is on May 9, 2016 at Provincial Court in Didsbury, AB.

On April 9, 2016 police were travelling on 46 Street when they observed a vehicle taking up two lanes of traffic. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was subsequently arrested for Impaired Operation of a motor vehicle. The driver was taken to Olds Detachment to supply samples of his breath into an Approved Instrument. The results showed the driver to be over 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 ml of blood. A 43 year old male of Olds, AB is charged with Impaired Operation and Impaired Operation over 80 of the Criminal Code. Pending swearing of documents the name of the driver can not be released at this time. First Appearance is set for May 16, 2016 at Provincial Court in Didsbury.

On April 13, 2016 RCMP Olds Detachment member and Alberta Sheriffs were dispatched to Highway 587 west of Bowden for a single vehicle collision. Witnesses advised the grey SUV had come to rest in the South ditch after having gone in and out of the ditch several times. The female driver was arrested immediately by the attending officer for Impaired Operation of a motor vehicle and she was then transported to Olds Detachment to supply samples of her breath. The results of the tests were 4 times the limit of 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood.

Ms. Jenny Mosely of Mountain View County has been charged with Impaired Operation, Impaired Care or Control over 80 and Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle. Ms. Mosely's first appearance is May 16, 2016 at Provincial Court in Didsbury, AB.

On April 15, 2016 at 12:23 Olds Detachment members attended Highway 2 about half a kilometre North of the Olds overpass for a single vehicle collision. A small truck had collided with the centre wire barricade separating the North and South bound lanes of travel. Investigation revealed that no intoxicating substances were involved however the driver admitted to having nodded off. Driving while fatigued decreases awareness and impairs judgment in a way similar to alcohol or drugs. No charges were laid in this instance.

Police have investigated 21 Impaired Operation incidents in 2016. January had 3, February had 1, March had 4 and April has had 3 as of 2016-04-15. Of the 21 investigations 11 have resulted in charges.

RCMP are reminding the public to plan ahead for safe transportation. In Alberta warmer weather months (May to October) experience the highest number of casualty collisions involving alcohol.

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