

RCMP Rural Crime Reduction Project – Wanted male arrested in Mirror

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Several investigations began on January 31, 2018 with Blackfalds RCMP and culminated in a targeted arrest made by the newly formed Rural Crime Reduction Project on April 25 in Mirror. As a result of this arrest RCMP have a 'wanted' male in custody, and facing a multitude of charges.

On January 31, Blackfalds RCMP investigated a break and enter and assault allegation occurring at a Gasoline Alley Hotel. Lyle Vance was charged with four criminal charges relating to this occurrence. An Arrest Warrant was granted for Vance in the public interest.

On February 24, Bashaw RCMP launched an investigation into three personal robberies that had been committed prior. Two suspects, Lyle Vance and Lyle Anderson were identified and each charged with over twenty criminal offences relating to these robberies. It was also determined that they were involved in a flight from police incident in Sylvan Lake on February 22. Charges were laid and public interest arrest warrants were granted for both males.

In mid April, the Bashaw RCMP engaged the newly formed Rural Crime Reduction Project team to provide assistance in locating and arresting Lyle Vance and Lyle Anderson who were both identified as repeat offenders and were at large.

On April 16, 26-year-old Lyle Anderson was arrested by the Ponoka RCMP without incident. He is currently in custody and next court date is May 10 in Red Deer Provincial Court.

At 4:43 p.m. on April 25, Red Deer RCMP responded to a complaint of a carjacking and possible kidnapping. The female owner of a van had been assaulted and her van was stolen following the assault. All parties involved were known to each other and further investigation into this incident continues. Red Deer RCMP General Investigation Section members with the assistance of Police Dog Services investigated.

Later in the day on April 25, as a result of on-going intelligence gathering, the Rural Crime Reduction Project members were in Mirror and stationed to arrest Vance. Shortly after 6:00 p.m., he was located and arrested without incident. It was determined that he was the driver of the van related to the above noted incident which had just occurred in Red Deer. He has been charged by the Red Deer RCMP following this incident.

Vance remains in custody and is currently facing over 40 charges in relation to incidents occurring in Bashaw, Red Deer, Sylvan Lake and Blackfalds. He was scheduled to appear in Provincial Court of Alberta in Red Deer on Monday, April 30.

“My detachment recognized the need to apprehend these individuals responsible for a significant amount of both property and violent crimes” says Sergeant Bruce Holliday, Detachment Commander of Bashaw RCMP. “This is a great example of the benefits of this type of crime reduction project and the support provided to rural detachments in the province. This arrest meets the goal of the crime reduction strategies we are implementing.”

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