

Didsbury RCMP catch thieves red handed on oil field lease site; “representatives viewed the suspects on a live video feed and alerted police”

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Didsbury RCMP were dispatched to a theft in progress at a lease site approximately 5 kilometers west of Didsbury. Property representatives viewed the suspects on a live video feed and alerted police. Police immediately attended and arrested two suspects.



Mac Ronald Smith (38) of Clearwater County, Alta. was arrested and has been charged with:

- Break, enter and theft
- Theft of copper wire over \$5000
- Possession of break in instruments
- Possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine
- Fail to comply with release conditions et al
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April Dawn Sanford (36) of Rocky Mountain House, Alta. was arrested and has been charged with:

- Break, enter and theft
- Theft of copper wire over \$5000
- Possession of break in instruments
- Possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine
- Fail to comply with release conditions
- Fail to comply with probation order (x2)

April Sanford was released by police and is scheduled to appear in Didsbury Provincial Court on April 26, 2021.

After a judicial hearing, Mac Smith was released and is scheduled to appear in Didsbury Provincial Court on April 26, 2021.

“Oil companies have been installing sophisticated security systems which was instrumental in the apprehension of these suspects,” said Staff Sergeant Chad Fournier, Didsbury RCMP.