

Ponoka RCMP conduct search warrant and link series of rural property crimes

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After linking numerous investigations, the Ponoka RCMP with the assistance of the Ponoka General Investigation Services (GIS) executed a search warrant at a residence in Ponoka on Wednesday Sept. 12, 2018.

Between Sept. 10-11, 2018 the Ponoka RCMP had responded to several reports of suspicious activity in and around the Town of Ponoka. During these investigations RCMP recovered several stolen high value items including a 2003 Norbert horse trailer and 2006 Dodge Ram 3500 diesel pickup truck. Both were stolen during a break and enter in Lacombe County and reported to Blackfalds RCMP on Sept. 10, 2018. Also recovered during these investigations was a 2014 Forest River snowmobile trailer stolen from a property near Gull Lake, Alberta sometime during the week prior.



Late on Sept. 11, 2018 the Ponoka RCMP received information that led to a search warrant being executed on a property in Ponoka the following morning. The search warrant led to the recovery of rifle ammunition, several stolen Alberta licence plates, and a 2015 Polaris snowmobile that was inside the above mentioned 2014 Forest River snowmobile trailer at the time it was stolen. Two firearms stolen during the above mentioned break and enter were not recovered.

In total the value of the items recovered is approximately \$38,000.

Caleb Joseph Shimwell (19) of Ponoka, Alberta is charged with 10 Criminal Code offences including:

- Break and enter, theft (x4)
- Possession of property obtained by crime (x3)
- Mischief
- Failing to comply with a court order

He was released with conditions to appear at in Ponoka Provincial Court on Oct. 5, 2018.

If you have information about this incident, please call the Ponoka RCMP at (403) 783-4472 or call your local police.

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.