

Red Deer RCMP recent arrests include drug trafficking and property crime charges

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Red Deer RCMP made a number of drug trafficking and property crime arrests recently while doing targeted patrols in crime hot spots; more arrests were made when RCMP conducted proactive conditions checks as part of Red Deer's Pinpoint crime reduction strategy, and thanks to tips from vigilant citizens reporting suspicious activity. Pinpoint uses an intelligence-driven policing model to identify problem areas, repeat offenders and emerging issues, and Red Deer RCMP target their enforcement accordingly.

February 24 – 2018245173

Shortly before 2 am on February 24, RCMP on patrol in south Red Deer located a suspicious parked and idling vehicle with a male asleep in the driver's seat. During the subsequent investigation, RCMP seized methamphetamine and a loaded rifle from the vehicle.

A 36 year old man who is known to police faces drug trafficking and weapons charges; his name cannot be released at this time as those charges have not yet been sworn before the courts.

February 23 – 2018242309

At 2:15 pm on February 23, RCMP on patrol in an identified high crime area conducted a traffic stop and determined there were drugs in the vehicle. RCMP seized psilocybin (mushrooms), marijuana and cannabis resin, known as "shatter," along with items consistent with drug trafficking and approximately \$700 as proceeds of crime.

A 37 year old man faces a number of drug trafficking charges and a charge of possession of stolen property. His name cannot be released at this time as those charges have not yet been sworn before the courts; he is scheduled to appear in court in Red Deer on March 6 at 9:30 am.

February 23 – 2018240052

At 6 am on February 23, RCMP located a suspect who was found to be violating court-imposed curfew conditions. During his arrest, RCMP located a knife, which the suspect was prohibited

from carrying by court-imposed conditions, and seized marijuana and what is believed to be methamphetamine.

32 year old Randy Thomas Metzger faces the following charges:

- Criminal Code 145(3) – Fail to comply with conditions X 3
- CDSA 4(1) – Possession of Schedule I substance X 2

Metzger has been remanded to appear in court on February 27 at 9:30 am.

February 22 – 2018234918

At 5 am on February 22, RCMP responded to a report of a break and enter in Edgar Industrial Close where a suspect driving a truck with a flatbed trailer was reported to have been seen stealing a backhoe. RCMP located the backhoe at a nearby business and tracked the suspect as he attempted to flee the scene on foot, arresting him without incident.

33 year old Michael Wayne Campbell faces the following charges:

- Criminal Code 355(a) – Possession of stolen property over \$5,000
- Criminal Code 348(1)(a) – Break and enter with intent
- Criminal Code 733.1(1) – Breach of probation X 2

Campbell is scheduled to appear in court on March 8 at 9:30 am.

February 20 – 2018224518

RCMP on patrol in downtown Red Deer at 12:40 am on February 22 located a stolen vehicle driving in the area of 49 Street and 47 Avenue; police initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver without incident. The license plate on the vehicle had also been reported stolen in a separate incident.

A 20 year old man faces several charges of possession of stolen property; his name cannot be released at this time as those charges have not yet been sworn before the courts.

February 19 – 2018221666

At 9:30 am on February 19, RCMP responded to a report of a stolen truck idling in a south Red Deer parking lot and arrested the man and woman in the truck without incident. During the arrest, RCMP seized stolen medication, a credit card and a chequebook in the names of three different victims of theft. The truck had been reported stolen out of Stony Plain.

31 year old Amanda Buckingham faces the following charges:

- Criminal Code 335 – Occupy motor vehicle knowing it was taken without consent
- Criminal Code 355(b) – Possession of stolen property under \$5,000 X 3
- Criminal Code 145(3) – Fail to comply with conditions

Buckingham was remanded for court in Red Deer on February 23 and the charges were dealt with at that time.

28 year old Nicholas Edward Timm faces the following charges:

- Criminal Code 355(a) – Possession of stolen property over \$5,000
- Criminal Code 355(b) – Possession of stolen property under \$5,000 X 3

Timm is scheduled to appear in court in Red Deer on March 9 at 9:30 am.

February 19 – 2018220777

Shortly before 1 am on February 19, members of the Red Deer RCMP crime reduction team conducted a curfew check on an individual and determined that he was not at home, in violation of his court-imposed curfew. RCMP arrested the suspect near the residence shortly afterward and seized what is believed to be cocaine.

Red Deer RCMP conduct curfew checks on identified individuals as part of Pinpoint, the Red Deer RCMP crime reduction strategy that targets repeat offenders, crime hot spots and problem residences.

46 year old Wessam Haimour faces the following charges:

- CDSA 4(1) – Possession of Schedule I substance (cocaine)
- Criminal Code 145(3) – Fail to comply with conditions X 4

Haimour made his first appearance in court in Red Deer on February 21 and is scheduled to appear again on March 8 at 9:30 am.

February 19 – 2018220745

At 12:30 am on February 19, RCMP responded to a report of suspicious activity in a Morrisroe parking lot and located a suspect who was breaching his court-imposed curfew conditions.

32 year old Matthew Douglas Bauer faces two charges of failing to comply with conditions; he made his first appearance in court in Red Deer on February 21 and is scheduled to appear again on March 21 at 8:30 am.

February 18 – 2018219798

Shortly after 5 pm on February 18, RCMP on patrol in south Red Deer located a woman who was wanted on outstanding warrants for failing to appear in court. During her arrest, RCMP located three pieces of identification in the names of three different victims of theft.

38 year old Lana Ellynne Holt faces three charges of possession of stolen property under \$5,000 in addition to her outstanding warrants. She is scheduled to appear in court in Red Deer on March 13 at 8:30 am.

February 15 – 2018188771

Just after 7 am on February 12, a suspect broke into a north end car wash by smashing the window and stealing cash, a Toshiba laptop and some candy. The male suspect drove a white Dodge Durango and, despite deactivating surveillance cameras inside the building, was caught on other surveillance cameras and identified by RCMP, who began to search for him. On February 15 while Red Deer RCMP were responding to an unrelated call at a Red Deer hotel, police officers identified the suspect Durango and subsequently arrested the suspect without incident.

A 36 year old man will face a charge of break and enter and is scheduled to appear in court on March 4; his name cannot be released at this time as the charge has not yet been sworn before the courts.

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