

Red Deer RCMP arrest man with imitation firearm

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A Red Deer man faces four criminal charges after pointing an imitation firearm at several people at a car dealership the afternoon of June 20 before being arrested by RCMP in a nearby restaurant.

At 2:45 pm on June 20, Red Deer RCMP responded to a report of a man with a firearm at a south end car dealership on 50 Avenue. When staff approached a suspicious male in the parking lot, he displayed what appeared to be a handgun and pointed it at several staff members before fleeing to a nearby restaurant. Red Deer RCMP responded immediately and located the suspect, taking him into custody without incident. Police seized the weapon and determined that it was an imitation firearm.

There was heavy police presence in the area during this incident as police responded to this potential public safety issue. RCMP thank the public for their cooperation and support throughout the investigation.

35 year old Robert Charles Richards faces the following charges:

- Criminal Code 267(a) – Assault with a weapon X 3
- Criminal Code 85(2)(a) – Using imitation firearm in the commission of an offence

Robert Charles Richards has been remanded to appear in court in Red Deer on June 22 at 9:30 am.

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.

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