

## **Southern Alberta Crime Reduction Team – Arrest made in theft of tractor, truck from Beiseker**

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Investigators have made an arrest and recovered a tractor and picker truck that were stolen from the Irricana area and Acme earlier this month.

On March 11, Beiseker RCMP received a report of a tractor stolen from a farm near Irricana. Information was received that the tractor may have been transported to Saskatchewan. Beiseker Detachment, Southern Alberta Crime Reduction Team (SACRT) and Southern Alberta Auto Theft combined resources to investigate this matter.

On March 19, a picker truck was taken from an Acme concrete business. Investigators received tips from the public that indicated the same individuals who stole the tractor were also responsible for the theft of this truck. Throughout the next two days, the investigative team progressed the investigation and identified a man from Linden as a suspect.

On March 20, SACRT members located the suspect and recovered the stolen pick up truck in Rosetown Saskatchewan. The stolen tractor was then recovered later that night near the community of Alsask with the cooperation of the suspect.

Both the stolen tractor and truck are being returned to the rightful owners. Charges are pending against a 19-year-old Linden man who has been released on a Promise to appear in Airdrie Provincial Court on May 3. SACRT are also proceeding with charges against a second suspect identified in the case and a warrant for his arrest is expected in the coming days.

“This is a good example of how we can bring investigative support to rural detachments for investigations such as these” Says Brad White, Sergeant in charge of SACRT. “Rural property crimes are tough to solve but sometimes, with the right support from the community and a great team of investigators results like these are possible.”

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