

Task Force seizes snowmobiles, ATVs, guns in two search warrants

Red Deer, Alberta – The Priority Crimes Task Force executed two unrelated search warrants last week on properties in Red Deer and seized numerous stolen snowmobiles, trailers and ATVs as well as numerous firearms.

The task force executed the first search warrant on a property on 55 Avenue in the West Park neighbourhood on January 25. Stolen items recovered included three ATVs, a snowmobile and two utility trailers. These items traced back to thefts out of Three Hills, Red Deer and Rocky Mountain House. A number of smaller items seized were also traced back to thefts out of Penhold and the Rimbey area.

RCMP continue to investigate, and charges are pending against the 35 year old Red Deer man who rented the property.

The second, unrelated investigation began on January 27 when Blackfalds RCMP tracked a stolen snowmobile to a residence located in the area of Township Road 391 and Range Road 273; the Priority Crimes Task Force executed a search warrant at that property later the same day, seizing stolen property that included five snowmobiles, an ATV, a dirt bike and three trailers, and several stolen passports, credit cards and pieces of identification. The stolen property in this file has been linked to criminal activity in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Lacombe, Sylvan Lake and Bentley.

Police also seized nine rifles and nine shotguns, one of which was loaded, as well as ammunition and small amounts of drugs.

30 year old Robert Allan Brown of Blackfalds faces the following charge:
Criminal Code 354(1)(a) – Possession of stolen property over \$5,000

Brown made his first court appearance on February 2 and will appear in Alberta Provincial Court in Red Deer again for election and plea on March 1 at 9:30 am.

Charges are pending against a 35 year old woman and a 40 year old man, both of Red Deer County, and RCMP continue to investigate.

If you have information regarding these criminal activities, please call the Red Deer RCMP at 403-343-5575. If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or report it online at www.tipsubmit.com.

The Priority Crimes Task Force is made up of members from Red Deer RCMP General Investigative Section (GIS), Sylvan Lake, Innisfail and Blackfalds RCMP detachments. The task force is committed to increased inter-agency communication, shared criminal intelligence and a strategic focus on prolific property crimes offenders, in keeping with the K Division emphasis on crime reduction strategies.

Search warrants were completed by the Priority Crimes Task Force, which includes members from Red Deer City, Innisfail, Blackfalds and Sylvan Lake.