

Strathcona County RCMP make arrests following attempted rural break-in

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The Strathcona County RCMP have two suspects in custody, have seized eight firearms and recovered a stolen vehicle following a call for assistance on July 26, 2018.

At 3:37 a.m., the RCMP responded to an attempted break and enter in progress at a rural residence near Township Road 530 and Range Road 215. The complainant reported a suspicious vehicle and occupants making efforts to open a gate on the property. The RCMP immediately responded, located the suspicious vehicle and arrested one male suspect at the vehicle. A second male suspect fled the scene and was believed to be in possession of a firearm. RCMP Police Dog Services provided assistance and a successful track led to the arrest of the second suspect.

The second suspect was in possession of a loaded firearm when he was arrested. He was transported to the hospital as a result of minor injuries incurred during his arrest, but was released into police custody.

An investigation into the vehicle revealed that it was stolen out of Lac La Biche during a break and enter. A search of the vehicle netted the RCMP seven firearms, a compound bow, and drugs.

The two accused, who both have previous history with police, are charged as follows:

22-year-old Isaiah Cordell Cardinal of Slave Lake is facing ten Criminal Code charges including: possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose (x3), and Fail to comply with conditions (x2), as well as two charges under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act for possession of cannabis and possession of cocaine.

37-year-old Sonny Ray Giant of Lac La Biche is facing 23 Criminal Code charges including: possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose (x4), possession of a weapon contrary to an order (x9), fail to comply with a probation order (x4) and resist/obstruct a peace officer. He is also charged with possession of cannabis under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Both of the accused were remanded into custody and will be appearing in Sherwood Park Provincial Court on August 1, 2018.

“The homeowner in this case was alert to the suspicious activity and responded well by calling 911 for help and allowing the RCMP to do their job” says Inspector Beth Leatherdale, Operations Officer at Strathcona County Detachment. “We are trained to deal with high risk situations, and this incident had the potential to become very dangerous. This outcome is positive and we continue to be committed to interrupting the activities of criminals.”