

## **Peeing Thief Nabbed by Police**

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On November 30, 2019 at approximately 2:40 PM, Sundre RCMP members were called to a theft of a vehicle that occurred on 8th Avenue NE in Sundre. The complainant reported that he left his vehicle unlocked, with the engine running, on his driveway as he momentarily went back into this home to grab some footwear. When the complainant returned, he found his car gone and he immediately called police. Police located the vehicle on Hwy 22 just south of the Hwy 582 turnoff parked on the shoulder of the highway. A male was standing outside of the vehicle relieving himself and immediately ran into the woods upon the arrival of the police. RCMP Sundre members, with the assistance of members from Didsbury and Olds, tracked the male through the woods for several kilometres. Police received a report of a suspicious male in Cremona and attended where they located the male and took him into custody. "This was a combined effort by members from three detachments that tracked this wily thief through the woods and snow for quite a distance. A unknowing good Samaritan picked up this clown and gave him a lift to Cremona but the tenacity of the members paid off with a positive result. The thief was apprehended and the vehicle with its contents recovered and returned to its owner" Cpl Joe Mandel

James Chartrand (27) of Calgary, AB has been charged with numerous offences and remanded into custody to appear in Didsbury Provincial Court at a later date.

- S. 333.1(1)CC - Theft of Car
- S. 354.1(1)(a)CC - Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- S. 320.18CC - Drive While Prohibited
- S. 320.13(1)CC - Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle
- S. 129(a)CC - Obstruct a Peace Officer
- S. 733.1(1)CC - Fail to Comply with Probation
- S. 54(1)(a)TSA - Drive Uninsured Motor Vehicle

"Please be vigilant and don't leave your vehicle running especially unlocked. This is a preventable crime and these individuals come from all over and into our community preying on your complacency." Cpl Joe Mandel