

## Public Assist Sundre RCMP With Charging Dangerous Driver

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On November 29, 2019 at approximately 9:00 PM, RCMP Sundre detachment members were called to a collision in front of a local Sundre business. A male driver was witnessed driving his pickup truck northbound on Centre Street and going too fast where he lost control and crashed into the concrete flowerbed in front of the Bargain Browser store. The male driver fled the scene in his damaged pickup truck heading north on Centre street with a witness in close pursuit. The witness followed the fleeing driver to a residence just north of the scene where he fled from his vehicle into a residence. This key information was passed onto police.

The RCMP attended the residence where the male hid inside and refused to open the door. A warrant was obtained to enter the home and the male was taken into custody without incident.

"This incident could have been horrible. People were out and taking advantage of local shopping for the Sundre Snow Fest. The truck nearly struck two pedestrians prior to crashing into the flowerbed and obliterating the Bargain Browser's metal horse sculpture. I firmly believe had it not been for those obstacles, the truck would have smashed into the building. My apologies to those that had to experience such stupidity but I thank you for providing the Sundre detachment members the information needed to hold this man accountability for his senseless decisions." Cpl Joe Mandel.

Colton William Gateman (27) is charged with several offences and set to appear in Didsbury Provincial court on January 6, 2020:

- S. 129(a)CC - Obstruction
- S. 320.13(1)CC - Dangerous Operation of Motor Vehicle
- S. 320.15(a)CC - Refuse to Provide a Breath Sample
- S. 91(1)CC x 2 - Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm
- S. 69(1)(a)TSA - Fail to Remain at a Scene of a Collision

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