

Sundre RCMP Recover Stolen Property

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On April 22, 2020, the Sundre RCMP detachment with the assistance from the Olds RCMP detachment, Didsbury RCMP detachment, RCMP Police Dog Services (PDS), RCMP Southern Alberta Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) and the RCMP Auto Theft Unit executed a search warrant at a rural property east of the Town of Sundre in Mountain View County. Police seized tens of thousands of dollars in stolen property from the location.

Background

On April 21, 2020, The Sundre RCMP received a report of a theft from an oil lease site east of Sundre where a 12V battery that powers monitoring equipment was stolen. The company representative stated he was alerted by their security monitoring equipment and immediately called police. A rural property known for criminality that is in close approximation to the theft scene was suspected and patrols were made in the area of that property.



On the morning of April 22, 2020, the Sundre RCMP were visually monitoring the rural residence when they witnessed a pickup truck leave the property. RCMP members attempted to pull the pickup truck over but the truck refused to pull over for police and fled the area. Police were able to determine that the pickup truck was reported stolen from the Olds area the previous day. RCMP members attended the rural residence and observed two RV trailers on the property. A judicial authorization was obtained to search the residence and property and it was executed shortly thereafter where police recovered the stolen battery but also several stolen trailers and Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV). With the assistance of PDS, two people were located hiding within the residence and taken into custody without incident however the homeowner was not located. Some of the times police seized included:



- 2019 40' Montana Fifth Wheel trailer;
- 2012 34' Rockwood RV trailer;
- 20' Double Axle Flat Deck trailer;
- Mirage Utility Trailer loaded with worksite tools and equipment;
- Look Utility Trailer loaded with worksite tools and equipment;
- Argo Amphibious Vehicle;
- Yamaha Rhino OHV.

Police are in the process of contacting the registered owners of the stolen property. The items recovered were stolen from the Strathmore, Crossfield and Sundre areas. The matter is still being investigated but criminal charges are pending against the homeowner and four individuals which include a 17-year-old female youth.



“The vigilance measures implemented by the oil and gas operator to mitigate oil lease site thefts was the catalyst for this collaborated operation which resulted in the return of stolen property to their rightful owners. Times are tough for all but it does not justify the lack of moral principles of these individuals to prey on law biding citizens. The Sundre RCMP would like to again acknowledge our gratitude and appreciation to all our citizens for all that they have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice during our current health crisis.”
Cpl Joe Mandel – Sundre RCMP.



The Sundre RCMP encourages any member of the public who has information in relation to this incident or any other crime to contact the Sundre RCMP Detachment at 403-638-3675 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.