

## **Valleyview RCMP work with community to effect arrests**

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On February 27, with the valuable assistance of rural property owners, the RCMP arrested two males who were allegedly seen stealing an ATV. The men are facing several charges and the RCMP is pleased with the cooperation and information provided by the local residents.

At 10:50 a.m., the RCMP received a complaint of trespassing in progress on a rural property in the MD of Greenview. The neighbour caught two male suspects stealing an ATV and called the property owners and the RCMP. The RCMP secured the area and ensured the males were contained until Police Dog Services and Air Support arrived.

After taking the ATV, driving through fields, getting stuck, fleeing from police, then crashing the ATV and fleeing on foot, the males were eventually apprehended. Local citizens worked with the RCMP to provide information about the land accesses, and possible sightings of the males.

28-year-old Michael Stemmler and 32-year-old Brennan Wishart were located by the RCMP on a property within the contained area and taken into police custody. Both males have been charged in this instance with multiple criminal offences, including Breaking and Entering, Possession of Stolen Property and Flight from Police. Stemmler was remanded into custody and Wishart was released on a \$2000 cash bail and given numerous conditions by which he must abide.

Public safety was the primary concern of the RCMP and they requested that the public keep their distance from the offenders allowing the RCMP to do its job in effecting their apprehension.

“This incident highlighted a great partnership between the property owners in this community and the RCMP members dispatched to investigate this complaint” says Staff Sergeant Carolin Respet, Valleyview RCMP Detachment Commander. “We thank these alert citizens for providing us information and then allowing us to safely do our job. Disrupting the activities of criminals, particularly repeat offenders, is a crucial component to our Crime Reduction Strategy.”

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