

August 27th, 2015

RCMP Vegreville Detachment – Suspicious Persons

From August 16th to August 26th, 2015, Vegreville RCMP received reports of paving crews soliciting local rural area residents. The crews claim they are a contracting company working in the area on large projects with an excess in paving materials. It is reported that these men are claiming they are willing to give customers an inexpensive rate on these materials. Once work has begun, they then demand significantly more money than the original price quoted. Reports indicate the men are seeking cash for their work but refuse to provide quotes for the job at hand, or invoices for services rendered. The company has threatened court action and liens to ensure work is paid for. Similar incidents have been reported from all across Alberta.

The public is being requested to protect their interests by ensuring the following:

- Get recommendations and check references. Ask questions about the company's work quality and time lines.
- Get a written quote or invoice before work is started.
- Get complete contact information from the company including full name, address and telephone numbers for the company and the individual contractors.

If you are tempted by what sounds like a good deal, get their information and let them know you will think about it. They will likely pressure you to make a decision that day but stay firm. The public is encouraged to report all suspicious persons or activity to Police in their area.

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