



Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



June, 2021 Release

The Redwater Detachment received 220 calls for service over the month of June. These calls consisted of 6 break and enters, 3 mischiefs, 7 thefts, 4 theft of motor vehicles, and 13 motor vehicle collisions.

Redwater RCMP arrest one for aggravated assault

At approximately 10 p.m. on June 28, 2021, Redwater RCMP responded to an emergency call at a residence in the Hamlet of Thorhild where a serious assault had allegedly occurred. When officers arrived they learned that the victim had been transported to hospital and was suffering from serious but non-life threatening injuries.

A suspect was identified and surrounding RCMP Detachments were notified. With the assistance of Westlock RCMP, the suspect was located in a stolen vehicle and arrested.

Michael Nelson, a 40 year old man from Thorhild, Alta., has been charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Aggravated assault
- Assault
- Uttering threats (x4)
- Mischief under \$5,000
- Theft of a motor vehicle

Nelson was remanded into custody after a hearing and is set to appear in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court on July 8, 2021.

Redwater RCMP arrest two after break and enter reported

On July 3, 2021, at approximately 11 a.m., Redwater RCMP responded to a break and enter in progress at a rural property in Thorhild County, Alta. One suspect was still in the area when police arrived and he was subsequently arrested and taken into custody. As the result of the investigation, police identified a second suspect and suspect vehicle.





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At approximately 7 p.m., police located the suspect vehicle, which was being operated by a suspended driver. Police observed stolen property from the break and enter site in the vehicle, and arrested the driver.

Geordie Wilson, a 33-year-old man from Thorhild County, has been charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Break and enter with intent to commit theft
- Possession of a controlled substance
- Breach of release order

Phillip Bass, a 40-year-old man from Sturgeon County, Alta., has been charged with the following Criminal Code offences:

- Break and enter committing theft
- Possession of stolen property over \$5,000

Wilson was remanded into custody and is scheduled to appear in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court on July 5, 2021. During his July 5, 2021 WILSON was released from custody on house arrest and will appear in court August 12, 2021.

Bass was released on an Undertaking and is scheduled to appear in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court on August 12, 2021.

Redwater RCMP investigate mischief at Dodge dealership

On June 10, 2021, the Redwater RCMP were informed of vandalism that had taken place at the Redwater Dodge dealership. RCMP members attended and determined that 5 vehicles had been damaged overnight. The investigation showed that a soft air pistol had been used, leaving significant damage to multiple vehicles that had been targeted.

If you have any information regarding this investigation, you are asked to contact Redwater RCMP at 780-942-3600 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 (<http://www.p3tips.com>) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store. When calling please refer to Redwater RCMP file # 2021-818668.





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The Redwater RCMP would like to make a correction to information provided in last month's media release: The Town of Redwater Bylaw officer is not a community peace officer; however, they are an appointed bylaw officer, under the provision of the Municipal Government Act, appointed by the Town Council for the purpose of enforcing compliance with bylaws. Some of the Town of Redwater Bylaw officer's duties are:

- Enforcement of Dog Control Bylaw
- Enforcement of Community Standards Bylaw.
- Enforcement of Business Licence Bylaw.
- Enforcement of the Traffic Safety Bylaw, Transportation of Dangerous Goods Route Bylaw and Truck Route Policy.
- Enforcement of the Waste Collection Bylaw.
- Enforcement of Land Use Bylaw.
- Enforcement of Campground – Regulations and Procedures Policy.
- Dead Animal Complaints – Investigate and work collaboratively with the property owner.
- Wild Animal Complaints - Work collaboratively with the property owner and liaise with Alberta Fish and Wildlife.
- Farm Animal Complaints – patrol the community and respond to any violations accordingly and investigate complaints (includes issuing violation tags, tickets, notices, monitor compliance, and engage appropriate agencies.

The Town of Redwater Bylaw officer program allows police to focus their time on Criminal Code and more serious investigations while other bylaw enforcement activities are one of the main priorities of the Town of Redwater Bylaw officer. If a matter requires immediate attendance and the Town of Redwater Bylaw officer is not available to attend or requires assistance, an Redwater RCMP member will provide assistance by attending or assisting with the investigation. When it comes to bylaw complaints, the initial and primary point of contact should be the Town of Redwater Bylaw officer, whenever possible. If the Town of Redwater Bylaw officer is not available and the occurrence cannot wait to be reported at a later date, the occurrence can be reported to the Redwater RCMP detachment and appropriate action will be taken by the officers investigating the matter. Appropriate action can range from education of existing Criminal, Provincial, and Municipal bylaws to charges being pursued under the appropriate legislation or referring the matter to the Town of Redwater Bylaw officer to follow up with in the future depending on the circumstances of each occurrence.





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The Redwater Detachment is seeking community feedback. During the pandemic, community engagement events have become a challenge due to social distancing requirements. As restrictions ease, we will continue to re-evaluate the ways in which we connect with our stakeholders in a safe manner for everyone. In order to seek important input from all stakeholders, the Redwater RCMP will be completing monthly police briefs (like this one) in order to keep the public aware of our activities in the communities. In addition we encourage interaction and anyone with any inquiries, questions, comments can contact us at Kredwatercommunityfeedback@rcmp-grc.gc.ca . All email submissions will remain anonymous. During each monthly police brief, officers of the detachment will answer a few of the questions asked. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance for sharing your feedback!

