



## Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



April, 2021 Release

The month of April saw the Redwater Detachment receive 163 calls for service which consisted of 12 break and enters, 2 theft of motor vehicles, 1 arson, and 16 motor vehicle collisions.

April 1, 2021 started off rough when the Redwater detachment received a call of blue Chevrolet regular cab step side truck (possibly a 2004) that went into the ditch on Highway 827 near Township Road 590. A motorist stopped and was asked by the driver of the truck to help as the truck was stuck in the ditch. While getting the vehicle out of the ditch the driver of the stuck truck backed into and struck the good Samaritan's vehicle causing some damage. The driver of the stuck truck advised that he had been drinking and told the good Samaritan that he would not be paying for the damage. The driver then asked the good Samaritan if he was going to be calling the police and was told that the police would be called. This caused the suspect to open the good Samaritan's door and he attempted to remove the good Samaritan from the vehicle but they were wearing their seatbelt. The suspect then jumped into the blue Chevrolet step side truck and fled the area prior to police arrival. This file remains under investigation.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:30 pm members were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle on a rural property. The caller reported that their neighbour's trailer had been broken into earlier and antiques stolen from it. When the members arrived in the area they quickly located the suspect vehicle which attempted to evade members by pulling into a nearby residence. The male driver of the vehicle was located on the property and arrested for his outstanding warrants from Edmonton. Member observed numerous antiques in the suspect's vehicle, which matched the same antiques that were stolen from the neighbour's trailer, along with break and enter tools. Further investigation confirmed that numerous items in the suspect's vehicle was in fact stolen from the recent break and enter to the neighbor's trailer. 47-year-old Gordon RALSTON of Bon Accord, Alberta was charged with possession of stolen property under \$5000, Trespass at Night, and Possession of Break-In Instruments. A judicial interim release hearing (bail hearing) was held for Gordon RALSTON and he was released for court in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court on May 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m..





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On April 13<sup>th</sup> the Redwater detachment received a call from an observant individual who reported a male and a female moving suspiciously around a truck at the Redwater Golf course. Eventually the male and female were able to gain access to the truck and departed the area in the vehicle which he was now reporting as stolen. A short distance away members located the truck leaving the area and were able to stop the vehicle. As the member approached the vehicle the female occupant began telling the member that she was buying the vehicle and they were simply taking the vehicle out for a test drive. The female then pointed to the male in the passenger seat and stated that he was the owner of the truck. With the assistance of the Redwater Integrated Traffic unit both the male and female were arrested without incident. During a search of the vehicle a set of brass knuckles was located. As a result of the investigation:

46-year-old Nikki HALLET of Redwater Alberta was charged with the following criminal offences:

- Disobey Order of the Court (Section 127 C.C.)
- Possession of Stolen Property (Section 354 C.C.)
- Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Section 333.1 C.C.)
- Possession of a Prohibited Weapon (Section 91(2) C.C.)
- Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose (Section 88(1) C.C. )

22-year-old Jaden SIMPSON of Warspite, Alberta was charged with:

- Theft of a Motor Vehicle (Section 333.1 C.C.)
- Fail to Comply with Condition of Release Order (Section 145(5) C.C.)

A judicial interim release hearing (bail hearing) was held for both accused and both were released on Release Orders with no cash deposit for court in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court.

On a lighter note one individual decided to test one of our member's investigative abilities part way through the month of April. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 a 34-year-old female who had recently been charged for assault attended the Redwater Detachment and provided the investigating member with a handwritten note from the victim that indicated that the female had not actually assaulted them and they were recanting their statement. The female insisted that the letter was in fact authentic, but the member





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spoke with the individual who was supposed to have authored the letter and determined that they did not write the letter. As a result, the 34-year-old female who attempted to pass the letter as authentic was arrested and charged with Public Mischief.

The Redwater Detachment is seeking community feedback. In the current world of COVID-19 community engagement events have become a challenge due to social distancing requirements. 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](mailto:Kredwatercommunityfeedback@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) . All email submissions will remain anonymous. During each monthly police brief, members of the detachment will answer a few of the questions asked. We look forward to hearing from you.

