



## Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Redwater Detachment



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Well folks the month of February turned out to be a very interesting month for your members with some unique calls for service being received. I find myself scratching my head at the actions of some people, and this is after 16 years in this line of work.

Early February members were dispatched to a theft from a local retail store. Upon arriving and speaking with the witnesses, members were able to determine that the suspect was attempting to “clean up his act” as he had stolen a vacuum cleaner and then left the area. Surveillance was provided by the store and the suspect could be clearly seen on the video. The part that sucks more than the vacuum for the suspect, is that the staff working at the store were able to identify the suspect and provide police with the suspect’s name. Members applied for and were granted a warrant of arrest for the suspect who is charged with Theft Under \$5000. Members were able to quickly “clean up” the file by locating and arresting the 24 year-old suspect from Sturgeon County, Juke Tyler BELCOURT.

As the month moved along members were dispatched to a local hotel for a disturbance that was taking place. When members arrived they were advised that one patron had become angry at another patron because she had parked in the parking spot that she usually parked in. This escalated into a yelling match with one banging on the vehicle door of the other and it taking police arriving to calm things down. Members were able to deescalate the situation and neither party faced any charges.

Next in line for our members was a disturbance at the local bottle depot here is Redwater. Members were dispatched to a call of an adult male who was screaming at another female patron because he did not want to wait in line and wanted her to let him go ahead of her. Member arrived and identified the suspect and he was spoken to regarding the incident and was provided a warning. As the member was leaving the area it became identified that the suspect was a suspended driver and had most likely driven a borrowed vehicle to the bottle depot. The member spoke with the suspect again who advised that he had borrowed the vehicle but that his friend had driven them. When asked where his friend went, he was unable to provide any information.





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Eventually the suspect came to the conclusion that his “friend” had somehow left him stranded at the bottle depot. The suspect was able to contact the owner of the vehicle who was nice enough to come and drive the stranded suspect and vehicle away. Although in this case the members were not able to determine the suspect was driving the vehicle we would like to remind people that driving while suspended is a provincial offence and is a mandatory court appearance. Driving while disqualified is a criminal offence. Both of these offences carry significant financial penalties.

To top the month off, we dealt with a “repeat” offender. Now I know that the members of the Redwater detachment are great police officers and even better people, but I did not realize the extent that one individual would take just to spend more time with our members. On February 16, 2021 Redwater detachment was dispatched to a call of a stolen side-by-side. The victim had caught the suspect in the act and told the suspect to stay as police were coming. When the members arrived they located and arrested the male suspect for attempting to steal the side-by-side and transported him to the Redwater Detachment cells. Just prior to midnight on the same day, the male suspect was released on an Undertaking to appear in court at a later date and was given a ride home to his residence. Approximately three and a half hours later, the same member that gave the male suspect a ride home earlier was conducting pro-active patrols within the town of Redwater when he observed a car driving on the road with no headlights on and significant front end damage. Needless to say the member conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and upon conducting checks on the licence plate and vehicle determined that the licence plate was stolen from Edmonton and the vehicle was stolen from Morinville, Alberta. As the member approached the vehicle the member determined that the driver of the stolen vehicle was the same male suspect that he had released from jail and provided a ride home three and a half hours previous. The male suspect greeted the member with a “long time no see”. The male suspect was taken into custody and held for a judicial interim release hearing (bail hearing). The suspect, a 22-year-old male from Redwater, is charged with the following:

- 1 count of Fail to Comply with Condition of Undertaking
- 2 counts of Possession of Stolen Property Under \$5000.
- 1 count of Possession of Stolen Property Over \$5000
- 1 Count of Breaking and Entering.
- 1 Count of Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

The male was released from custody with his next court appearance in Fort Saskatchewan Provincial Court on March 18, 2021.





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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.

