

Wetaskiwin RCMP respond to assault on off duty police officer and pursuit

Wetaskiwin, Alberta- Charges have been laid against two suspects following an attempted theft, an assault against an off duty police officer, and a pursuit which was terminated in the Ermineskin town site.

On June 25 2018, Wetaskiwin RCMP were dispatched a disturbance involving an alleged shoplifter being detained by an off duty RCMP officer at Safeway. While attempting to detain the one female the officer was punched and bitten by a second female. Following this interaction, both females fled in a mini van with a male passenger.

The vehicle was located by Wetaskiwin RCMP in the area of Range Road 250 and Township 460 in Wetaskiwin County. A pursuit was initiated and continued south onto Highway 2A. It was determined the vehicle and the plate were stolen out of Calgary. The pursuit was terminated due to public safety concerns as it had entered a residential area in Ermineskin. The vehicle was later located again in the Ermineskin town site by Wetaskiwin RCMP. A second traffic stop was initiated and in an attempt to flee, the suspect vehicle was involved in a collision with two police cars. A female driver and the male passenger were arrested on scene.

Vince RAIN, aged 33-years-old from Maskwacis was charged with the following offences:

- Theft Under 5000.00
- Possession of property obtained by crime X2
- Resist/Obstruct Peace Officer
- Impaired operation of a motor vehicle
- Drive while disqualified/prohibited
- Drive uninsured motor vehicle on highway

He remains into custody to appear in Wetaskiwin court on June 28,2018.

Janelle BEAR, aged 29-years-old from Edmonton was charged with the following offences:

- Assault on Police Officer with weapon/causing bodily harm X2
- Operation of motor vehicle while being pursued by police
- Dangerous operation of motor vehicle
- Theft Under 5000.00
- Possession of property obtained by crime X2
- Mischief Over 5000.00
- Mischief Under 5000.00 X2
- Impaired operation of motor vehicle
- Resist/obstruct peace officer
- Operate motor vehicle without holding operators licence
- Drive uninsured Motor vehicle on highway
- Fail to comply with Undertaking or recognizance X2

She remains in custody to appear in Wetaskiwin court on June 28,2018.

Wetaskiwin RCMP continue to investigate this incident in efforts to locate the third female involved.

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