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Wetaskiwin RCMP investigate suspicious fire *Update: Arrest*

Wetaskiwin, Alta. - After a joint investigation with Wetaskiwin RCMP General Investigation Section and Wetaskiwin City Fire Services, Wetaskiwin City RCMP have made an arrest in connection with an Arson at the historical Rose Country Inn in Wetaskiwin which occurred on the early morning hours of March 19, 2019.

Benjamin Kopp (37), was arrested yesterday at a residence in Wetaskiwin without incident.

The following charges have been laid:

- Arson – Damage to property (X2)
- Arson – Disregard for Human Life

Kopp was brought before a Justice and released to appear in Wetaskiwin Provincial Court on May 9, 2019.

Working directly with the community has greatly assisted the Wetaskiwin RCMP in arresting the accused.

If anyone has information regarding this incident or any other investigation, they are asked to contact the Wetaskiwin RCMP Detachment at 780-312-7267 or their local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store."

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Wetaskiwin RCMP on scene of a major structure fire

Wetaskiwin, Alta. - Wetaskiwin RCMP, along with members of the Wetaskiwin, Camrose, and Millet fire departments, are currently on scene of a major structure fire in Wetaskiwin. On March 19, 2019 at approximately 6:30 a.m., fire broke out at the historical Rose Country Inn in Wetaskiwin. Roads in the surrounding area are closed to traffic and motorists are asked to find an alternate route. No injuries are reported at this time.

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