

August 2024 Slave Lake RCMP Release

During the month of July, the Slave Lake Detachment responded to a total of 657 calls for service, which included:

- Assault (x 25)
- Break and Enter (x 8)
- Utter Threats (x 8)
- Theft (x 14)
- Mischief – Damage to Property (x 15)
- Causing a Disturbance, Mischief (Nuisance) (x 68)
- Mental Health (x 5)
- Suspicious Person / Vehicle / Property (x 47)
- Wellbeing Checks (x 12)

Slave Lake RCMP arrest youth following bear spray incident

Slave Lake, Alta - On July 6th, 2024, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Slave Lake RCMP were notified of a disturbance at the Slave Lake fair grounds. Officers were informed that an individual had discharged bear spray among the fairgoers and fled the scene. Thanks to the swift and coordinated efforts of Slave Lake RCMP a thorough investigation was conducted. The suspect involved in this incident was quickly identified and apprehended without further issues.

One youth was charged with the following offences:

- Assault with a weapon x9
- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose
- Mischief

Due to the age of the persons involved, no further information will be released.

Your Slave Lake RCMP would like to extend its gratitude to the Slave Lake Fire and EMS teams for their immediate response. A specialized treatment area was established to provide care to all those affected. We would also like to thank members of the public who provided critical assistance during the incident. Your cooperation and quick thinking were instrumental in bringing this situation to a quick resolution.

Slave Lake RCMP are dedicated to protecting and serving our community. “The events at the Slave Lake fair grounds underscore our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents and visitors. We remain vigilant and proactive in our efforts to maintain a secure environment for everyone” said Slave Lake detachment Commander S/Sgt. Casey Bruyns.

Slave Lake RCMP General Investigation Section lay charges in drug trafficking investigation

Slave Lake, Alta. – On July 19, 2024, Slave Lake General Investigation Section, the Slave Lake RCMP, Faust RCMP, Lakeshore Regional Police Service and the Alberta RCMP Roving Traffic Unit North with the assistance of a Narcotic Detection Dog, executed a search warrant on a residence which concluded a 7-month long investigation on a suspected drug house in the southwest quadrant of Slave Lake.

As a result of the search warrant, RCMP officers seized drugs believed to be Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Psilocybin and MDMA, drug trafficking paraphernalia, unstamped cigarettes, electronics, ammunition, weapons and a large sum of Canadian Currency.

Gordon Elwyn Macdonald (36), a resident of Slave Lake, was charged with the following:

- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking (x4)
- Selling tobacco products
- Trafficking in property obtained by crime
- Fail to comply with release order condition (x2)
- Possession of a Weapon contrary to order (x6)

Following a judicial hearing, Macdonald was remanded in custody and his next scheduled court date in the Alberta Court of Justice in Slave Lake is on August 21, 2024.

“This joint operation shows the importance of strong working relationships in order to disrupt individuals that may have otherwise caused greater harm to our community,” says Staff Sergeant Casey Bruyns, Slave Lake Detachment Commander. “Should you notice any suspicious drug activity I encourage you to report to help with future investigations.”

Slave Lake RCMP arrest two males for ATV theft and locate home-made firearm

Slave Lake, Alta. – On July 23, 2024, at approximately 7:30 P.M., Slave Lake RCMP received a report of two males that were trespassing on a rural property and then stole an ATV from a residence on the Old Smith Highway in the MD of Lesser Slave River approximately 30 kilometers from Slave Lake.

RCMP attended and located two males matching the description who fled into the bush and then into the river. RCMP were able to apprehend them both and place them under arrest. While conducting a search incidental to arrest RCMP located a home-made shotgun belonging to one of the involved parties.

As a result of the investigation Ruben Richard Houle (27), who is a resident of Slave Lake is charged with:

- Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000
- Possession of a Weapon dangerous to the Public Peace

- Possession of a Firearm without valid licence
- Possession of a Firearm while Prohibited by Order (x4)

Also as a result of the investigation, Dusty Yellowknee (27), who is also a resident of Slave Lake is charged with:

- Theft of Motor Vehicle
- Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000
- Fail to Comply with Undertaking

Both Houle and Yellowknee had a judicial interim release hearing and were remanded to appear in the Alberta Court of Justice in Slave Lake on August 14 and August 28, 2024, respectively.

“These results would not be possible if it were not for the quick 911 call from the victim who also provided a detailed description,” says Staff Sergeant Casey Bruyns, Slave Lake RCMP Detachment Commander. “By working together, this case was solved quickly and these offenders are now before the courts.”

Slave Lake RCMP Suggest following the #9PMRoutine

Have you heard of the [#9PMRoutine](#)? It’s a nightly checklist you can follow to ensure your property is secured so you can sleep with peace of mind!

- Lock your doors at night
- Lock your garage or shed.
- Ensure all yard tools & recreational equipment is safely stored, preferably in a locked garage or shed.
- Remove all keys from vehicles and lock the doors; securely store any off-highway vehicles.
- Consider installing a home alarm; if you already have one, set your alarm before going to sleep.
- Use motion sensor lights on the exterior of your property.

Coffee with a Cop

The Slave Lake RCMP is dedicated to maintaining direct open lines of communication with the communities we serve. We would like to get to know area residents better, discuss your concerns and ideas about law enforcement and conversely create an opportunity for you to get to know your local police officers to discuss our duties and responsibilities. This month Coffee with a Cop will be held on the last Thursday of the month where you will find a Slave Lake Detachment officer having coffee, barring any emergency we are attending. This month Coffee with a Cop will be held:

- **at Smith Pizza & Donair on August 29th 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Feel free to stop in and have a coffee with us.

Email Questions

In order to seek important input from all stakeholders and residents, the Slave Lake 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, or comments can contact us at: KSLAVELAKEDET@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

During each monthly police brief members of the detachment will answer a few of the questions asked or provide education on a topic identified from the community. We look forward to hearing from you.

COFFEE WITH A COP

SLAVE LAKE

Learn more about:

- Crime in your community
- Current crime reduction initiatives
- How you can help keep your community safe
- Where to get more information on local crime

August 29, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Smith Pizza & Donair
(810 9th St., Smith)



Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar

Transportation and Economic Corridors



January

Intersection safety



Winter driving
Alcohol and drug impairment
Fatigue

February

Distracted driving



Winter driving
Fatigue

March

Seatbelts



Aggressive drivers
Fatigue

April

Speed



Aggressive drivers
Motorcycles

May

Motorcycle safety



Cycling
Alcohol and drug impairment
Construction zones
Off-highway vehicles
New drivers

June

Commercial vehicle safety



Cycling
Construction zones
Off-highway vehicles
Fatigue

July

Impaired driving



Cycling
Construction zones
Off-highway vehicles

August

New drivers



Cycling
Alcohol and drug impairment
Aggressive drivers
Motorcycles

September

Back to school



Cycling
Alcohol and drug impairment
Speed

October

Pedestrian safety



Wildlife
Fatigue

November

Child safety seats



Pedestrian safety
Wildlife
Winter driving

December

Impaired driving



Winter driving
Fatigue