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April 1, 2026

PARKLAND RCMP ARREST AND CHARGE SUSPECT IN ARMED ROBBERY INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

At approximately 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 13, 2025, Parkland RCMP responded to an

armed robbery with a firearm at a licensed premise. After a lengthy investigation by the Parkland RCMP General Investigation Section, a suspect has been

identified and charged.

Kevin Thibert, (52), a resident of Wabamun, Alta, has been charged with the following:

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ALBERTA COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM AND EVANSBURG RCMP ARREST PROLIFIC OFFENDER

Submitted by Alberta Community Response Team and Evansburg RCMP

Evansburg RCMP, with assistance from the Alber-

ta RCMP's Community Response Team and Police Dog Services, conclude a break and enter investigation. On March 20, 2026, Evansburg RCMP responded to a break

and enter at the Wildwood UFA Gas Station. On March 24, 2026, after further investigation, the suspect was identified.

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ALBERTA COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM & PARKLAND RCMP ARREST PROPERTY OFFENDERS

Submitted by Alberta Community Response Team & Parkland RCMP

On Mar. 27, 2026, Parkland RCMP were notified after a

sighting of a stolen Chevrolet Silverado in the Onoway, Alta, area. A short time later, the vehicle was used in a theft in Gunn, Alta, where the occupants fled towards Alberta

Beach at a high rate of speed.

The Alberta RCMP Community Response Team attended and located the stolen Chevrolet Silverado in the area

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Parkland RCMP Arrest And Charge Suspect In Armed Robbery Investigation

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- Robbery with an imitation firearm,
- Use of an imitation firearm in the commission of an offence,
- And disguise with

intent.

Thibert was remanded into custody with his next court appearance on Mar. 25, 2026, at the Alberta Court of Justice in St. Albert.

“An armed robbery is a violent act” states Sergeant

Kuca, Commander of Parkland RCMP Plain Clothes Unit. “These investigations can be complex, and identifying and charging a suspect helps to ensure public safety.”

Alberta Community Response Team And Evansburg RCMP Arrest Prolific Offender

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The Alberta Community Response Team, along with Evansburg RCMP and Police Dog Services, executed a search warrant on a residence on Range Road 80 in Yellowhead County, arrested one individual and seized several investigation-related items.

As a result of the investigation, Brendyn Beaulieu (35), a resident of Yellowhead County, was charged with:

- Break and enter to a business;
- Disguise with intent;
- Mischief over \$5,000;
- Possession of property obtained by crime;
- Identity theft (x2);

•Identity fraud (x2); and
•Forgery.
Beaulieu was also arrested on outstanding warrants from Edmonton Police Services. He was brought before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody. He is to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in Evansburg on March 26, 2026.

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Alberta Community Response Team & Parkland RCMP Arrest Property Offenders

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of 60th street in Alberta Beach. The three occupants of the vehicle were arrested without further incident.

As a result of the investigation, police seized a large quantity of methamphetamine, cocaine, drug paraphernalia and brass knuckles from the three accused individuals.

Upon further investigation, one of the accused was determined to be involved in an earlier robbery which occurred in Spruce Grove near Century road, where they attempted to steal a vehicle.

Taylor Kootenay, (32), resident of Edmonton, has been charged with the following:

- Robbery,
- Possession of property obtained by crime,
- Drive motor vehicle while unauthorized.

Kiesha Monias, (30), a resident of Edmonton, has been charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime,
- Possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose.

Kelsey Bearhead, (29), a resident of Duffield, has been charged with the following:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking x2,
- Possession of property obtained by crime.

Taylor Kootenay & Kiesha Monias were both remanded into custody with their next court appearances on Mar. 30, 2026 at the Alberta Court of Justice in St. Albert.

Kelsey Bearhead was brought before a Justice of the Peace and released with his next court appearance on Apr. 15, 2026 at the Alberta Court of Justice in St. Albert.

NOTICE

EQUS REA Ltd. will hold its Annual General Meeting as follows:

April 16, 2026

To RSVP

5:30pm - 8:00pm

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Special Agenda Items Requiring Membership Voting

- An election for directors will be held. There are 3 nominees for a total of 2 vacant positions.**
- An extraordinary resolution will be presented during the AGM for voting considerations.**

Extraordinary Resolution

An extraordinary resolution to consider, vote upon and approve the amalgamation of EQUS REA Ltd. with Wild Rose Rural Electrification Association Ltd., and amendments to the Standard By-laws will be an agenda item at the meeting.

AGM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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April 21, 2026 from 6:00pm-9:00pm
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Wildwood Community Hall, \$25/person, includes snacks and refreshments. Part of the workshop will include walking on the Wildwood trails to look at birch trees and the collection process for syrup. Please dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes.

April 18th 1pm-4pm
 To register, call 1-800-814-3935 or visit yhcounty.ca/registration



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- Isolation vs. solitude

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ALBERTA RCMP WELCOMES 21 NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP is welcoming 21 new police officers who will be deployed across the province. Each of them has recently graduated from the Cadet Training Program at Depot, the RCMP's training academy, in Regina, Sask., equipping them with the policing skills necessary to serve their new communities with excellence.

These new officers are a part of a positive shift in recruitment and retention for the Alberta RCMP. Since April 1, 2024, there have been over 5,700 applications received in the province. Additionally, the Alberta RCMP's

Experienced Police Officer Program has hired 25 EPOs since the start of April 2025, with 33 applications currently open and being processed.

The following locations will soon be home to new officers: Barrhead, Cardston, Chateh, Coronation, Drayton Valley, Fort Vermilion, High Prairie, Hinton, Lloydminster, McLennan, Piikani Nation, Provost, Redcliff, Red Earth Creek, Stettler, St. Paul, Valleyview, Vegreville, Wainwright, and Wood Buffalo.

"We recognize that police visibility and staffing levels remain key concerns for the communities we serve," says Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux, Com-

manding Officer of the Alberta RCMP. "These new police officers are an example of our focus to look inward at our hiring processes to remove barriers, find efficiencies, and ensure the most qualified applicants are chosen to serve your communities."

Additional strategies to address vacancies and temporary absences include the Alberta RCMP's Relief Team, located out of Cochrane and Leduc, which provides frontline support to communities facing vacancies, injuries or major events. In 2026, 65 deployments have already been planned across 16 detachments in Alberta. Alternate Service Delivery Models for remote and

isolated locations are also being used, including an Implemented Fly-In Model in Fox Lake. Lastly, 34 active reservists are supporting frontline policing across the province, with 11 more in the application process.

With municipal, provincial and federal mandates, the Alberta RCMP offers over 150 different types of career opportunities to choose from. If you want to make a difference, have a positive impact and support your community, province, and country, explore what we have to offer today: <https://rcmp.ca/en/alberta/careers>.

IS IT TIME FOR YOUR MAMMOGRAM?

Submitted by AHS

Screen Test is coming to Beaumont April 13 to 15, Drayton Valley April 20 to 25 and Breton April 27 & 28, 2026

Screen Test is a free service provided by Primary Care Alberta that offers screening mammograms. Our mobile screening units travel to 120 communities throughout Alberta to provide convenient access to breast cancer screening.

Having regular screening mammograms is the best way to find breast cancer early, before symptoms appear and when treatment may work better.

Who should have a screening mammogram?

If you're 45 to 74, you don't need a referral to have a mammogram. Make screening part of your regular health routine. Plan to have a mammogram every 2 years or as

decided by you and your healthcare provider.

If you're 40 to 44 or over 75, discuss the risks and benefits of screening with your healthcare provider. You will need a referral if you're 40 to 44 and it's your first mammogram, or if you're over 75.

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Breast density scores are now included in your Screen Test result letter

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Dense breasts are only one of many risk factors for breast cancer. Other factors, such as age and

genetics, have a bigger impact on your overall risk. You can't tell how dense your breasts are by size, look or feel. The only way to find out is by having a mammogram.

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ROOMS CAN SERVE DOUBLE DUTY

Many homes do not have space for guest rooms, kids' play areas and home theater lounges that are possible in homes with

substantial square footage. But they may not be missing out at all.

While large homes remain popular, many peo-

ple are embracing the benefits of smaller residences. Small homes help homeowners save money, require less maintenance, have smaller environmental impact, and reduce the temptation to accumulate "stuff."

Owners of small homes or apartments can still enjoy the benefits of larger spaces, they just need to equip rooms to perform double duty.

Living room/guest room Entertaining guests is easier when there's a dedicated space where visitors can feel at home. When

furnishing a living room, keep the guest room in mind. A sofa that opens up to a bed or a convertible sectional can be a comfortable place for guests to lay their heads. Side tables provide guests with places to store their belongings, and an empty storage chest can house bed linens or guests' clothing.

Den/playroom

Children tend to accumulate toys and games. And as kids grow from children to young adults, their list of must-have items - from video gaming systems

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Rooms Can Serve Double Duty

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to other electronics - grows along with them. Storage can make a room functional for both adults and children. Devote an entire wall to a closet or drawer system where toys can be stored out of sight when necessary. Storage ottomans can be used for extra seating while also providing somewhere for homeowners to stash stuffed animals or games for easy access. When choosing furniture, look for fabrics that are resistant to stains and modular

pieces that can be moved around as necessary to create room for playing or entertaining.

Bedroom/home office
In 2015, 24 percent of employed people in the United States did some or all of their work at home, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Bringing work home means men and women will need a space to work. In tight quarters, bedrooms may be the only available area. An armoire-style desk will blend in with the decor and can hide paperwork and electronics behind doors. Oth-

erwise, a makeup vanity can serve the dual purpose of providing a place to get ready for a night out and a ready space to house a

laptop during the day. In smaller homes, homeowners may be forced to turn rooms into dual purpose areas.



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STEPS TO A MORE ORGANIZED, FUNCTIONAL GARAGE

Organization can help homeowners transform their homes into less cramped, more spacious oases without forcing them to finance potentially expensive expansion projects.

Homeowners who park in their driveways may find that their garages have become crowded, cluttered spaces in which searching for tools can feel like scouring a haystack in search of a needle. Organizing a garage can create extra room in

a home while affording homeowners the chance to protect their vehicles from the elements. Homeowners who want to turn their garages into something more than cluttered storage units can employ the following strategies to transform these largely overlooked areas into more valuable spaces.

- Choose the right day. Garages tend to be separate from the rest of the homes they're a part of, meaning the only way to organize a garage is to

first remove all items from the garage and into the driveway. Because items removed from the garage will be exposed to the elements, homeowners should choose a day that's temperate and sunny to clean their garages. If possible, homeowners should opt to organize their garages in late spring, summer or early fall when there are additional hours of daylight. This protects homeowners from having to work in the dark should the job take longer than

they initially anticipated.

- Discard or donate duplicate items. Duplicate items are some of the main culprits behind cluttered garages. As garages gradually become more cluttered, homeowners may buy tools they already have simply because they cannot find their original tools. When organizing the garage, create separate piles for duplicate tools, placing still-useful items in a pile that can be donated to neighbors,

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local charities or organizations and another pile for old tools that are no longer useful.

- Host a garage sale. Homeowners who want to organize their garages and make a buck at the same time can host garage sales. Make only those items that are still functional available for purchase, and let neighbors and bargain hunters do the bulk of your organization work for you.

- Designate areas of the garage for certain items. Once the items that won't be going back into the garage have been sold, donated or discarded, organize the garage by designating areas for certain items, making sure to separate items that can pose safety risks. For example, store kids' bicycles and outdoor toys in a corner of the garage that is opposite the corner where potentially dangerous items such as power tools and gas cans will be stored. Keep the center of the garage open for vehicles.

- Periodically park cars in the garage. Homeowners who are comfortable parking their vehicles in their driveways can improve their chances of maintaining organized garages over the long haul by periodically parking in the garage. Doing so not

only prevents the gradual buildup of clutter that can slowly take over a garage, but also protects homeowners' automotive in-

vestments.

Maintaining an organized garage can help homeowners make more practical use of the space

in their homes.

 The advertisement features a background with wood and tile patterns. It includes a diamond-shaped logo with the word 'The' and the main text 'The Flooring Store & Design Center'. Below this is the slogan 'No Frills Flooring Store!' and two large promotional phrases: 'FREE ESTIMATES' and 'CASH N CARRY PRICING'. A list of services follows, including flooring, carpet, vinyl, hardwood, cabinets, counter tops, and back splashes. The ad concludes with 'Book Now for Spring Econo Vinyl Decking', contact information (address, phone, website), and business hours.

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I HEARD A RUMOUR

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

A foreman once told me, back when I was green as grass, that if you didn't hear a rumour by first coffee, start one. After a term and a half in politics, that statement makes more sense now than ever. Our offices get swamped with questions and chain letters—often based on half-truths or something wild someone saw on social media, or by the opposition members themselves.

I'm not against a good story, but it's getting harder to separate truth from deep fakes and just plain nonsense. It chews up a great deal of time chasing smoke and mirrors—not only for my staff, but for Albertans and Canadians in general. So, while we chase all that noise, what are we missing? What aren't we doing for ourselves?

Sometimes the truth really is stranger than fiction. But if we could pause, doublecheck the facts, and cut through the noise, would we not be able to focus on what truly matters most?

That's the intention behind Budget 2026: a clear focus on healthcare, education, and affordability. For the past two weeks, ministries have been in front of all-party committees reviewing what's in and what's out. Then I turn on the radio and hear sound bites that are—let's be honest—not entirely accurate. They seem more

focused on riling people up for the 2027 election than addressing today's needs. "If it Bleeds it Reads" as one journalist told me one time.

A quick look at the numbers (All with budget increases) shows healthcare, education, and social services consuming nearly three-quarters of the budget. Transportation, by comparison, is only about a third of the social services budget. Compared to healthcare, it's practically a rounding error. And naturally, people ask: How do we generate enough revenue to pay for all of this?

Primarily through taxes and energy revenues. Yes, we've been working hard to diversify the economy, but we still rely heavily on the sectors that built Alberta: energy, mining, agriculture, forestry. We are expanding into financial technologies, investments, manufacturing, and more—but it will take time before these can compete with the heavy hitters.

I've also heard plenty of rhetoric about who Alberta should or shouldn't trade with. Some argue we shouldn't trade with the USA. Others say India or South Asia aren't valid partners. And some insist we keep our distance from Europe. In my role working on economic corridors and international partnerships, I see it differently.

We need strong relationships with both the partners we know and those who will matter in the long run. The USA re-

mains a massive economy, we share a border, and our interests are deeply intertwined. Put the political noise aside, keeping that relationship healthy is critical.

As for South Asia, the big question is: who do we want to work with for the future? For me, India stands out. It's the world's largest population and largest democracy, with an enormous appetite for energy, food, and agricultural technology. We also share cultural alignment as Commonwealth countries with British roots.

Alberta is in no position to be isolationist. We must work effectively with our neighbors on all sides of the Strong and Free Province. We need guaranteed access to seaports and continued development of road, rail, power infrastructure, and pipelines. With the current instability in Europe and the Middle East, Alberta could have been the jurisdiction that met global energy shortfalls. Since we didn't seize that opportunity, the next best step is clear: approve key projects and fast-track them. The world will invest if we reduce the bottlenecks they're facing today.

To diversify, we must play to our strengths while preparing for the future. This isn't a new idea. But I sincerely hope we stay focused this time, avoid distractions, and keep working on what matters most—because that's what will pay for the things that matter to you.

Now, about another rumour: that I will not be running for another term.

That rumour is 100% true.

Constituency boundaries will be changing and should be finalized at the end of the spring session. After that, each party will hold its nomination process to choose the next candidate. So, expect to see people on social media or chatting in coffee shops about running for a "nom" or the general election.

Support them if you like what they stand for. But if you don't believe they would represent your interests—well, then maybe you should run.

I never set out to be a career politician. I stepped into this role to help where I could, for as long as I could, and that was never going to exceed two terms. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you around the constituency. Let's put a few rumours to bed—and maybe start a few harmless ones of our own while we're at it, as long as it's going to help folks address what matters most, and what matters to you.

I will also be hosting several "What Matters to You" Townhalls once session is over and want to hit up some areas I haven't been to in a while. If you have a recommendation or would like to host a townhall please reach out to my office at lacsteanne.parkland@assembly.ab.ca or call us at 780-967-0760.

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ANSWER:
Last Weeks

7	6	9	4	1	5	2	8	3
5	2	3	6	7	8	1	4	9
8	4	1	9	2	3	5	6	7
4	9	8	7	5	2	3	1	6
6	1	5	8	3	4	9	7	2
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1	8	4	3	9	7	6	2	5
3	5	6	2	4	1	7	9	8
9	7	2	5	8	6	4	3	1

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