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DEVON & PARKLAND RCMP MAKE MULTI-OFFENCE ARREST UPON FLIGHT FROM POLICE

Submitted by Devon & Parkland RCMP

On Dec. 29, 2025, Parkland Peace Officers initiated a traffic stop during which the driver fled and eventually collided with a tree near the intersection of Township Road 511 and Range Road 270. Devon RCMP

attended and were advised that the driver had ran away from the vehicle, shoeless.

With the assistance of RCMP Police Dog Services and Parkland RCMP, the driver was located and arrested. Police located a handgun, 16.4 grams of suspected cocaine, 45 suspected oxy codeine pills and

\$2,618 cash on the male. A male passenger of the vehicle was also arrested by police.

Passenger; John Salminen, (44), a resident of Devon, has been charged with the following offences:

• Possess weapon for dangerous purpose,

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CRACKING DOWN ON DANGEROUS TRUCKERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is taking further action to improve road safety by enforcing stricter measures on bad truckers.

Alberta's government is introducing a new requirement for commercial carriers to provide driver experience records for Class 1 tractor-trailer truck drivers when they move to another

job. This allows a driver's record to follow the driver, not the company, which means good truck drivers will be recognized for their clean record, while the bad truck drivers who damage bridges, drive recklessly and rack up violations will be held accountable.

A phase-in period will run from Dec. 1, allowing carriers time to become familiar with the requirement and the standardized form. By

June 1, 2026, carriers are expected to be in full compliance.

"We've heard from Albertans that bad truck drivers are still on our roads and there seem to be gaps in accountability in the industry. This new measure will add transparency by having an individual trucker's driving experience ensure a driver's record follows them, so companies know

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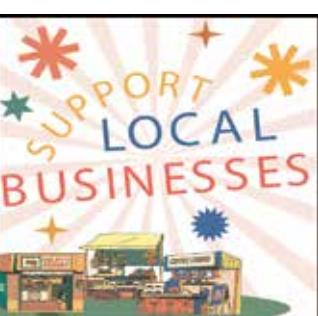
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- Possess restricted firearm/prohibited weapon with ammo without licence/registration,
- Possess of a prohibited weapon when knowing possession is unauthorized,
- And two other offences.

Driver; Kyle Fox (38), a resident of Edmonton, has

been charged with the following offences:

- Possess property obtained by crime for the purpose of trafficking under \$5,000,
- Possess weapon for a dangerous purpose,
- No pursuit involved – flight from Police Officer,
- Resist/obstruct Peace Officer.

• And 15 other charges.

John Salminen was remanded with his next court appearance on Jan. 2, 2026 at the Alberta Court of Justice in Edmonton.

Kyle Fox was remanded with his next court appearance on Jan. 7, 2026 at the Alberta Court of Justice in St. Albert.

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exactly who the good and bad drivers are before they get behind the wheel.”

Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

The new rule builds on Alberta's strong record of im-

proving highway safety and cleaning up the commercial trucking industry. Over the last year alone, Alberta's government has shut down five fraudulent driver training schools, removed 13 unsafe carriers, revoked 12 instructor licences, and is-

sued more than \$100,000 in penalties to those who failed to meet safety standards.

With this change, insurers will also be able to assess driver experience more effectively, providing

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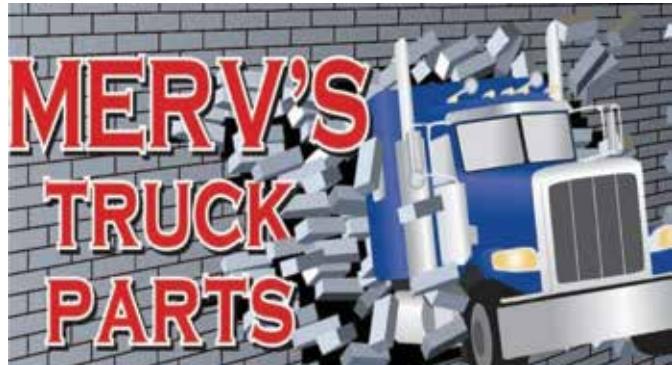
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an opportunity for commercial carriers to access more affordable insurance options through standard insurance providers, further reducing barriers for drivers seeking careers in the industry.

"The driver experience record regulations will im-

prove transparency for driver history, elevating those that operate with accountability and professionalism. It will help experienced drivers get recognized and insured fairly while improving overall safety, and support a stronger, more competitive trucking industry in Alberta."

Ryan Chambers, president, Chambers Transportation Group

This new requirement will strengthen driver accountability and allow commercial carriers to make better-informed hiring decisions, putting more safe and experienced Class 1 truck drivers on the job in Alberta. The standardized

driver experience record was developed in consultation with the commercial carrier and insurance industries.

Alberta's government will continue to consult with the commercial trucking industry on further measures to target non-compliant drivers and carriers that put road users at risk.

ALBERTA RCMP ISSUES 998 TICKETS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

From Dec. 24-31, 2025, the Alberta RCMP was busy conducting enhanced traffic safety enforcement throughout the province, resulting in 998 tickets being issued.

Of the 998 tickets issued, 242 were for speeding, 31 for distracted driving and 21 for seatbelt infractions.

As well, 121 drivers were removed from the roads for being impaired due to drugs and/or alcohol, including 80 Immediate Roadside Sanction (IRS) FAILs and 23 IRS WARNs.

Unfortunately, due to road-related incidents, there were 99 non-fatal injury collisions and six fatal collisions, resulting in seven fatalities.

"We are never happy to report fatal motor vehicle collisions," says Sgt. Darren Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "Everyone should have been able to make it home safely for the holidays. I encourage everyone to look out for each other on the roads. If you suspect an impaired driver, call 911 immediately."

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LEDUC RCMP CHARGE FOUR INDIVIDUALS IN RELATION TO SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST CHILDREN

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP has charged four individuals as part of an investigation into child pornography and sexual offences against children.

On Aug. 20, 2025, after an ongoing investigation by the Leduc RCMP General Investigations Section into sexual offences against a child, RCMP arrested Leduc County resident 27-year-old male Maxance Valade. Valade has been charged with Production of child pornography, as well as seven additional charges of

sexual offences against children.

Valade was taken before a Justice of the Peace and was remanded into custody.

RCMP executed a search warrant at Valade's property in the City of Leduc, seizing several items, including electronic devices. With assistance from ALERT's Integrated Child Exploitation Unit, the electronic devices were examined identifying additional victims and suspects. The investigation was expanded to identify the additional victims and suspects.

On Oct. 8, 2025, Leduc

RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence in Edmonton and arrested 34-year-old female Sydney Burns. Burns has been charged with production of child pornography, as well as seven additional charges of sexual offences against children.

Burns was taken before a Justice of the Peace and remanded into custody.

On Oct. 16, 2025, Leduc RCMP arrested 24-year-old female resident from Edmonton, Fannie Mae Salvador. Salvador has been charged with transmit child pornography, as well as 3 additional sexual offences against children.

Salvador was taken before a Justice of the Peace and initially remanded into custody. Salvador was later released from custody with her next court date set for Nov. 20, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc.

On Nov. 5, 2025, Leduc RCMP arrested and charged 29-year-old fe-

male resident from Edmonton, Jessica Leigh Wood with Sexual Interference.

Wood was taken before a Justice of the Peace and released from custody with her next court date set for Nov. 13, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc.

"We thank the staff of ALERT ICE, as well as the Zebra Center, who provided valuable assistance during this difficult and disturbing investigation," says Inspector Kiel Samotiej of the Leduc RCMP. This case involves isolated individuals, and there is no information pointing to predatory activity in the area. We will continue to act swiftly on any reports to ensure the safety of children and the community."

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As we wind down the year and look ahead to a new one, we can't help but be moved by the trust and support we're so fortunate to have from our friends, customers and associates here in the community. We thank you sincerely for believing in us and choosing us, and we hope you know how much we've enjoyed spending time with all of you in 2025.

From our family to yours, best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in 2026. We hope your New Year celebrations are just the beginning of more good times, good health, good people and good fortune to come.

Happy New Year!



NO MAJOR SPORT FUNDING WITHOUT FAIR PLAY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Major sport events must align with the Fairness in Safety and Sport Act to be eligible for Alberta's Major Sport Event grant program.

Alberta's government is committed to ensuring the full implementation of the Fairness and Safety in Sport Act. To be eligible for funding, all applicants, including out-of-province organizations, must confirm that their amateur competitive sport competition in Alberta, aligns with the intent of Fairness and Safety in Sport legislation that came into force on Sept. 1.

Alberta's Major Sport Event grant program provides financial assistance to support organizations in planning and hosting national and international competitions in the province. To expand safe and fair competition environments for women and girls, the Major Sport Events grant program has adjusted the eligibility criteria to align with the intent of the Fairness and Safety in Sport Act.

"Our government is taking necessary steps to ensure women and girls can compete in female athletic divisions on a safe and level playing field. Adapting the Major Sport Event grant program eligibility guidelines will ensure events hosted in

Alberta are safe, fair and accessible for all athletes."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

No athlete should have an unfair advantage, and no athlete should have to put themselves at risk of harm to participate in the sports they love.

ALBERTA RCMP ADVISE OF GHOST BROKER SCAM

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Alberta RCMP are raising awareness about a ghost broker scam. During a recent

motor vehicle collision in the Ponoka area, it was discovered that one of the involved parties was the victim of insurance fraud. The victim provided his

pink card as required which indicated the company All Covered Canada, only to find out that this insurance company did not exist.

Ghost brokers are individuals who disguise themselves as insurance brokers under the false pretext of selling insurance. As a result, those who pay ghost brokers for these fake insurance policies are not covered or insured at all.

Some red flags to look for are:

- Deals that are too good to be true
- No physical office or suspicious online presence
- Unable to provide proof of insurance immediately
- Charging a "finder's fee"

•Asking for cash only payments

It is recommended that the public should always:

•Speak with an insurance professional who is properly licensed and qualified to sell insurance

•Only purchase insurance from a brokerage or agent you trust

•Confirm a specific insurance broker's license status by referring to the licensing body within your province. For example, in Alberta, Albertans can check the Alberta Insurance Council to look up and confirm details of an insurance representative and the agency they represent.

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COUNCIL APPROVES 2026 INTERIM BUDGET

Submitted by City of Leduc

On Nov. 25, Leduc County Council approved the 2026 interim municipal budget, which represents a 1.5 per cent tax increase over the 2025 final budget. The decision to approve the budget followed one and a half days of public deliberations.

"The 2026 interim budget is one Council can stand behind," says Mayor Tanni Dobranko. It is fiscally responsible and allows us to both plan for the future and provide the services our residents and businesses need today."

The interim budget totals

\$135,520,064 million, including:

- The interim operating budget, which covers day-to-day municipal operating expenses, is set at \$113,283,989 million, which includes just over \$34.2 million in requisitions collected on behalf of the Government of Alberta and the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation.

- The interim capital budget, which includes infrastructure costs for buildings, roads, bridges and equipment, is \$22,236,075 million.

Key, multi-year priority projects include:

- Enterprise resource planning software replacement

ment, which began in 2024 (\$943,500), with \$2.5 million in 2025 and \$502,500 in 2026

- Leduc County Growth Strategy, which began in 2024 (\$30,000), with \$140,000 in 2025 and \$200,000 in 2026

- Construction of a new water transmission line: \$7,300,000

- Planning for the development of Whitemud Landing, a new area identified for the long-term land supply for employment purposes within the County, with \$380,000 to support the creation of strategic planning documents.

The interim budget outlines how municipal tax dollars will be used for 2026 and allows

important projects to proceed or continue until the final budget is approved by Council next spring.

2026 interim budget highlights

- More than \$14 million for road projects and maintenance

- \$3 million for bridge projects

- \$2.78 million in cost-share recreation support to five partner urban municipalities

- \$494,000 for support to not-for-profit facilities and community recreation and cultural grants

- \$1.3 million for public transit

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ALBERTA'S HIGHEST HONOUR

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans are encouraged to nominate remarkable community members, leaders and innovators for membership in the Alberta Order of Excellence.

The Order is the province's highest honour, recognizing individuals who have made a significant and lasting contribution to their communities and to Alberta. Members include Olympians, scientists, farmers, volunteers, business leaders, educators and artists whose work has helped shape

the province.

Since its establishment in 1979, 229 Albertans have been invested into the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Nominations are accepted year-round, but must be received by Feb. 15 to be considered for investiture this year.

Nominees must be Canadians citizens currently residing in Alberta and, if selected, must be able to attend the investiture ceremony. Individuals may not nominate themselves, their spouse or a member of their immediate family.

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A grid of 20 circular business logos, each featuring a cartoon snowman wearing a top hat and holding two green pom-poms. The snowmen are set against a background of falling colorful confetti. Each circle contains a banner with the text "HAPPY NEW YEAR!" and the business's name and contact information. The businesses listed are: Thorsby Supermarket (789-2132), Twisted Lime Liquor Co. (789-0100), Royal Care IDA Pharmacy (789-3686), Twisted Coin Laundry (789-0100), Ruhr Valley Lumber (900-3424), Thorsby's Puppy Lovin Grooming (780-518-3943), Blue Falls Mfg / Arctic Spa (789-2626), Midwest Propane Ltd. (789-0005), Baumann's Hoe & Bobcat Services (789-3843), Thorsby Stockyards Inc. (789-3915), Lone Wolf Mechanical (587-643-9653), G&N Contracting (789-2210), ARRG -Thorsby (789-3301), co-operators (Co-operator's -Thorsby 789-4001), Peak Glass (1-844-895-6001), Calmar Co-op Gas Bar (985-4584), Mint Health & Drugs -Calmar (985-3142), and Calmar Chevron (985-7224). The "co-operators" logo includes a small icon of a co-op sign.

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Thanks for bringing so much joy to our year,
and best wishes for a safe and happy 2026.



DRAYTON VALLEY RCMP MAKES ARREST IN VEHICLE THEFT INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

On Nov. 28, 2025, Drayton Valley RCMP received a complaint concerning a stolen vehicle. During their patrols, RCMP officers noted a vehicle being driven by someone matching the description of the suspect. Officers attempted to pull the vehicle over but it fled the area at a high rate of speed. Thanks to coordinated efforts by Drayton Valley RCMP officers and Alberta RCMP Air Services, the vehicle was tracked and

a Tire Deflation Device was successfully deployed. The suspects fled the vehicle on foot but were quickly arrested by officers using information provided by RCMP Air Services. A search incidental to arrest revealed small amounts of methamphetamine.

As a result of the investigation, Ashton Armand Cardinal (23), a resident of Rocky Rapids, Alta., and Dawn Elsie Williams (19), a resident of Brazeau County, Alta., were charged with:

- Possession of metham-

phetamine;

- Resist police officer; and
- Obstruct use of property. Furthermore, Cardinal was charged with:
 - Dangerous operation of motor vehicle;
 - Failure to stop;
 - Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000 (x2); and
 - Traffic Safety Act related offences (x2).

Cardinal and Williams were brought before a justice of the peace, with Williams being released and Cardinal remanded into custody. Car-

dinal is to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice on Dec. 2, 2025, while Williams will appear before the same on Dec. 16, 2025.

"We want everyone to know that we take property crimes seriously" said S/Sgt. Ryan Hoetmer, Detachment Commander of the Drayton Valley RCMP. "We heard the public's concern surrounding stolen vehicles and we will keep investigating every complaint received, using various techniques and partnerships in order to apprehend those responsible".

CHAMPIONING CROSS-BORDER TIES WITH U.S. LAWMAKERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

MLAs Johnson and Getson will build on a year of engagement with U.S. state legislators at the Council of State Governments National Conference in Chicago.

MLA for Lacombe-Ponoka Jennifer Johnson and MLA for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland Shane Getson will focus on driving home the message that Alberta officials have been promoting to decision makers across the U.S. throughout 2025: when it

comes to partnership in trade, investment and establishing energy and food security, Alberta is the answer.

This year's CSG National Conference will bring together lawmakers, government and private sector leaders, and community partners from all U.S. states, territories and associate members to build connections and work collaboratively to advance key priorities in areas including artificial intelligence, energy and electricity, affordability, economic development, trade corridors

and more.

"I look forward to sitting across the table from our counterparts to stress just how important it is that our countries work together towards our common goals so we can secure mutual, long-term prosperity for Canadians and Americans. I plan to work with colleagues on a motion at a future CSG conference that recognizes the value of our agricultural sectors, how it effects food security, and how we can work together to protect these values."

Jennifer Johnson, MLA for Lacombe-Ponoka

"When it comes to strengthening trade and investment ties with the U.S. that keep Alberta's economy growing and creating jobs, we are committed to seeing results. Through our regular engagement with state leaders, we are building contacts and allies across the U.S. to build the economic corridors that will drive prosperity for Albertans."

Shane Getson, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland

ALBERTA RCMP WARN OF SPIKE IN FATAL COLLISIONS AMID WINTER CONDITIONS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Parkland RCMP are urging drivers to use extra caution on Alberta roads after a sharp increase in fatal collisions during December and early January. Preliminary

data shows 20 fatal collisions occurred across K Division in December; above the 10-year average of 16.7.

Winter weather and the recent snowfalls may have contributed to a significant portion of these crashes. Injury collisions also ap-

pear to be up. This trend has continued into the new year. Four fatal collisions in Alberta, resulting in four deaths, were reported in the first four days of January. Weather is believed to be a factor in three of those incidents, though investiga-

tions remain ongoing.

Police are reminding motorists to slow down, allow extra time for travel, and adjust driving habits to winter conditions. Waiting for better road conditions is always an option as well.

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Leduc Public Market: Every Thursday 10-2 @ City Center Mall. 5201 50 st. Leduc

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CALMAR: Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

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Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center: 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

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DEVON: Wed. at 9:30AM at

Riverside Baptist Church, 2 Saskatchewan Dr., Devon. Contact Brenda at 987-9113 for info.

EDMONTON: Thurs 8:30-10AM at Annex of Grace United Church (6215-104 Ave). \$7/month

LEDUC: Tuesday Nights at Peace Lutheran Church, 4606 - 48 St. Leduc. Weigh-ins: 5:45-6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-7:30PM. Call Marie at 780-986-6477.

THORSBY: meeting every Monday morning 9:00AM at Thorsby Fire Hall. Call 780-621-3461.

SOCIAL EVENTS

50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church Basement, \$7 per plate. 3rd Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

CALMAR SENIORS: Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:00PM. (587) 988-3636.

DEVON RECREATION: Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult)

DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE: 4th Friday of ea. Month @ 1:30 pmPioneers 73 Club, 29 St. Lawrence Ave. Admission \$10.00 - Musicians \$5.00 More info - 780-991-2425

INDOOR PLAYGROUND: Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780) 388-3333 No fee. Please bring a snack for your child.

JAM DANCE & CARDS: 1st Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781 "KIDS OWN WORSHIP" an hour after-school, 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church. (780)542-5048

MUSICAL JAM SESSIONS: 4th Tues, 1:00PM at Calmar Seniors Centre. Bring your own instruments and have fun.

MUSICAL PROGRAM: every 4th Saturday at the Cloverleaf Manor, 2:30PM. Everyone welcome.

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MEETINGS

AHS: Addiction Services provides assessment and counseling for alcohol, other drugs, tobacco and gambling in Breton on

court day Wednesdays. To make an appointment, please call 780-542-3140.

Do you have a problem with alcohol & are you looking for an **AA MEETING** or someone to talk to? Call Toll Free 1-877-404-8100.

Drinking a Problem? There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043

ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3rd Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2nd Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2nd Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

DEVON TOASTMASTERS, Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help conquer your fear.

More info: Marc 780-729-4932

DEVON: Paint night, 4th Monday of the month, 7-9 pm. Info at artsdevon.org or phone 780-652-3304.

DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3rd Wed of the month. For more information call (780) 542-2787

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