

Crime Prevention

Crime Prevention is a topic we message about on a monthly basis. There is a new theme every month. For December, the theme is "Mail Theft." Messaging will focus on protecting mail around the holidays.

Stats:

- Between 2014 to 2018 there were over 4,500 mail thefts within K Div.
- In 2018 there were 984 mail thefts. The months with the highest amount of mail thefts were December (approx. 130) and January (over 120).
- So far in 2019 (Jan.-Oct.) there have been 782 mail thefts.

**Mail Theft includes the following offences: Fraudulently redirecting mail, Possession of matter stolen from mail, Theft of mail over \$5000, Theft from mail under \$5000 356(1) CC.

Note: Theft of mail under \$5,000 makes up the large majority of these offences.

Key Messages:

- One of our "favourite things" is getting reports and calls of suspicious activity.
- Reports play an important role in our investigations. They tell us where to look, who to look for and where to patrol in the future.
- Check your mail every day.
- If you won't be home for a delivery, plan to be home or arrange pickup elsewhere. You can also use Canada Post's Hold Mail service.
- **If you see something suspicious, report it to your local police. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, 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.**

Social Media:

- Alberta RCMP accounts will use #FavoriteThings every week for the month of December. We have rewritten the lyrics to "My Favorite Things" to fit the theme of mail theft and will post a new stanza each week.
- The media release for December includes the full lyrics of the song.
- Twitter: @RCMPAlberta Facebook: @RCMPinAlberta .