

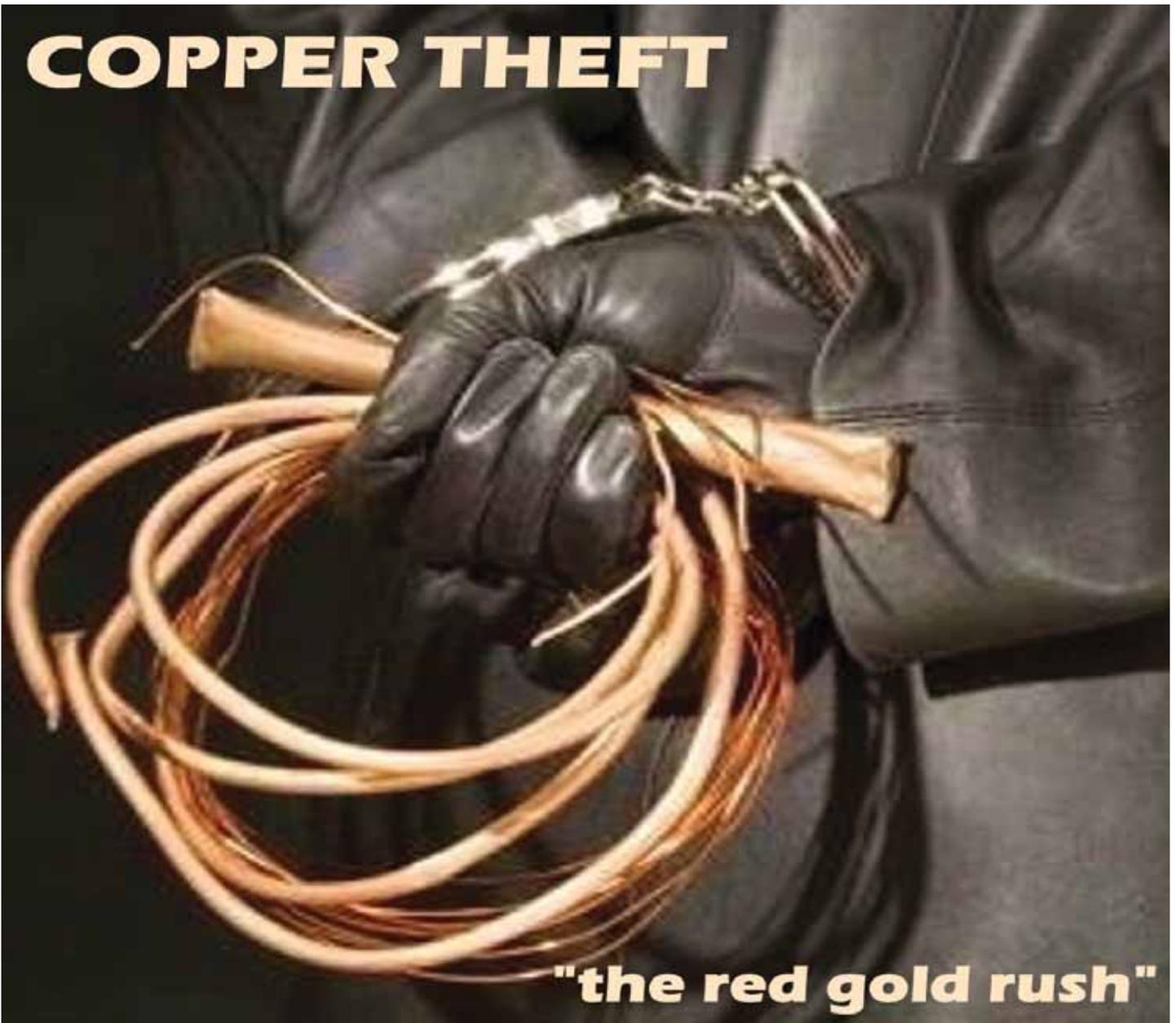
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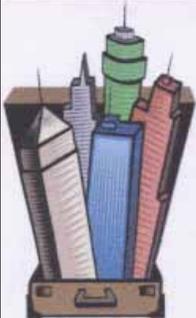
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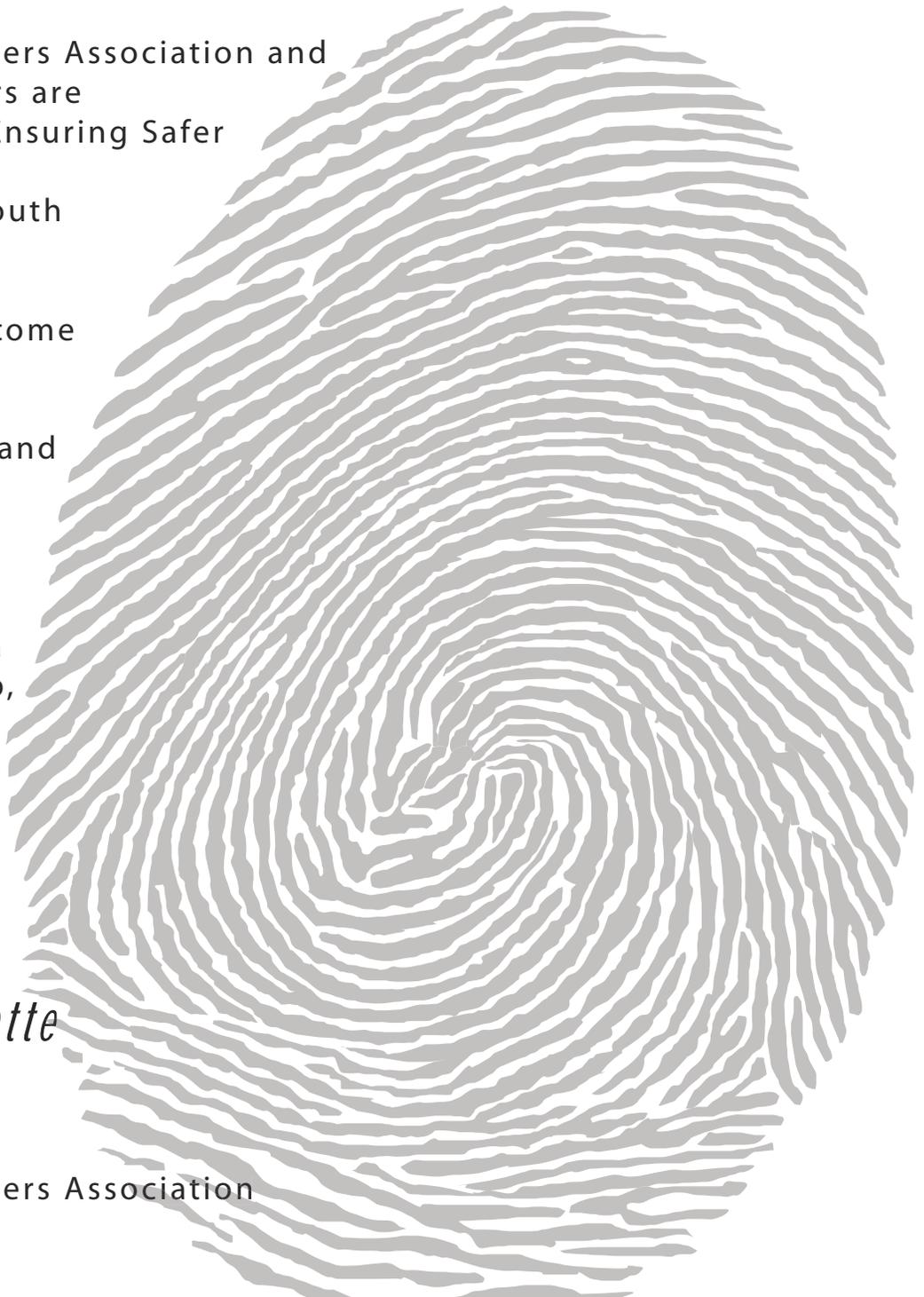
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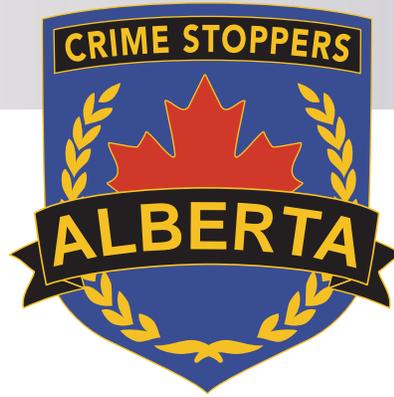
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WHAT IS CRIME STOPPERS?

Crime Stoppers is a community, media and police co-operative program designed to involve the public in the fight against crime. Crime Stoppers provides citizens with methods to anonymously supply the police with information about a crime or potential crime. A reward of up to \$2000 is offered to anyone providing information, which leads to an arrest, or the recovery of stolen property, or the seizure of illegal drugs. The success of Crime Stoppers is also dependant on the support provided by local media. Unsolved crimes are re-enacted and shown on television, publicized in print, or aired on local radio stations.

HOW DID CRIME STOPPERS BEGIN?

Crime Stoppers was started in Albuquerque, New Mexico when Canadian-born Albuquerque Police Department Detective Greg MacAleese reached a dead-end in a homicide investigation. He enlisted a local television station's co-operation in producing a re-enactment of the crime and within 72 hours the police received a

tip that helped solve the murder. This was the beginning of Crime Stoppers.

There are over 1,200 Crime Stoppers programs worldwide. Since 1976, Crime Stoppers has helped solve over 1,383,000 cases and recovered over \$10.5 billion dollars in drugs and stolen property.

The first Crime Stoppers Program in Canada was formed in Calgary in 1982. Since its inception, Calgary Crime Stoppers has helped to clear over 12,200 criminal cases, recover over \$14.6 million in stolen property and seize more than \$278 million in illegal drugs.

WHO ADMINISTERS CRIME STOPPERS AND HOW IS IT FUNDED?

A volunteer Board of Directors administers and oversees the program. They work in close cooperation with local law enforcement and the media. Crime Stoppers is a registered not-for-profit organization and is responsible for raising funds, public awareness and

the disbursements of rewards. Funding and services come from citizens, corporations, clubs, and professional associations, which keep the Crime Stoppers program operational.

HOW DOES CRIME STOPPERS WORK?

Crime Stoppers has more than one way to assist you in providing the information we need to help solve crimes in our community.

Via Telephone line

Crime Stoppers tip line 1-800-222-8477 is staffed 24/7/365 by trained personnel, who receive, process and pass on tip information to police for investigation. Callers are given a code number, which is used in all subsequent calls, and are never asked to identify themselves or provide any personal information. It is the caller's responsibility to call back for updates and instructions on how to claim a reward.

Via World Wide Web

Persons wanting to provide information on crimes or criminals can now use the Internet, without giving up their anonymity. Logging onto the Alberta Crime Stoppers website (www.crimestoppers.ab.ca) allows tipsters to simply click and fill in an electronic form with their information. Web Tips are

completely anonymous through the use of MS SQL server technology.

Via SMS Text Messaging

By sending a SMS Text message to Crime Stoppers provides a convenient and effective way to pass us your information. To text us your information anonymously simply text the keyword "tttips" and your information to 274637.

For more information, please visit www.smscrimetips.com

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY TIP?

When a tip is successful, Crime Stoppers Awards Committee determines an appropriate award amount based on a number of factors including the value of the information received, the number of persons arrested, the risk to the caller and the amount of drugs or stolen property recovered.

You will be asked to call back to Crime Stoppers for updates on your tip. Tips that lead to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property or the seizure of illegal drugs are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.00.

Directions on how to collect your reward will be provided by Crime Stoppers. Tipsters will be paid in such a way as to protect their anonymity.

WHAT IS CRIME STOPPERS?

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that takes calls from people who want to report a crime and wish to remain totally anonymous. Crime Stoppers is one way that citizens can assist police by providing information and never having to identify themselves or testify in court.

What type of calls does Crime Stoppers take?

Crime Stoppers takes tips about crimes that have already been committed or are about to occur. Crime Stoppers also takes information regarding the whereabouts of wanted persons, stolen property, narcotics, or any other criminal activity.

When you aren't sure that what you saw or heard is really a crime, call anyway. Let law enforcement decide if it's worth investigating. It may be a piece of a clue to a big crime.



What if the caller is the victim?

If the caller is a victim, they must report the crime to the police or a "Victim Services" program. A victim cannot report a crime to Crime Stoppers because they would be identified by the information and therefore lose their anonymity.

How does Crime Stoppers work?

Crime Stoppers can take your anonymous information in different ways:

TALK to our trained information takers at 1-800-222-8477.

VISIT www.crimestoppers.ab.ca for more information on how to contact us. The "TIPSTER" (that's you) is never identified but is assigned a code number. The tip is investigated. The police will inform Crime Stoppers on how the case is progressing so it is important for the TIPSTER to call back for an update on the case during regular business hours (a number will be provided for you to call back).

What happens to my information after I provide it?

After you give us your information, we create a report that brings together all the information you provided. Our trained information takers will check to make sure that the report contains no information that might identify you.

The report is sent to the relevant authority who will deal with the information. This could be the police or it could be an agency such as the Canada Border Services Agency, etc. They have the legal responsibility to investigate the information prior to acting on it to ensure the information is correct and not given to us maliciously in order to set someone up.

The police cannot obtain a search warrant or make an arrest based solely on a tip; there must be other intelligence to support the Crime Stoppers information.

Once the information has been researched, the police will allocate it to the appropriate officer or team to deal with. This could mean more research or it could mean action will be taken.

How come nothing happened after I called Crime Stoppers?

It may take some time before the police act on the information you have given. There could be many reasons for that; the information may be part of a larger investigation and visible action might be delayed for some time or the information may remain on file to be used at a later time. Even if your information appears not to have been used or if you don't see a quick resolution, don't think your information was not useful.

Feel free to call back at any time to add or update information or to check on the status of your tip. Make sure you give your personal code when you call; otherwise Crime Stoppers will not give you any information about your tip.

What kind of information can I give to Crime Stoppers?

Crime Stoppers will take any information that will prevent a crime from happening or help Law Enforcement solve crime, help in the seizure of illicit drugs, recover stolen property or assist in locating a wanted person.

When NOT to Call Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers takes tips about crimes or the potential of a crime being committed. For any priority situations that require an immediate response from police, fire or emergency personnel, please call 9-1-1.

Examples of priority situations include: motor vehicle or other accidents when a human life is at risk; threats of injury to self or others; fire to property, land or vehicles; crimes in progress (ie murder, break ins, impaired driving, etc.)

Additional information that would assist with ongoing investigations may be made anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

WHAT IS CRIME STOPPERS?

Does Crime Stoppers have call display, call trace or access to my IP address?

Crime Stoppers does not have call display or call trace. We do not record any calls and we do not have access to your IP address. Anonymity is one of the cornerstones of the Crime Stoppers program. Subscribing to any of these aids would jeopardize anonymity and compromise our integrity. Crime Stoppers ensures your anonymity, no matter what method you choose to contact them with information.

Is Crime Stoppers run by the police?

Crime Stoppers is not run by the police. We are separate and apart from any Law Enforcement Agency. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit, charitable program run by volunteers from the community. The individuals who have given their time to sit on local committees or the Board of Directors cannot be employed by any law enforcement agency. All the money raised for Crime Stoppers comes through donations or fund raising. Police agencies provide no financial support to Crime Stoppers, although they do designate a member of their service to act as a coordinator.

How can you ensure anonymity?

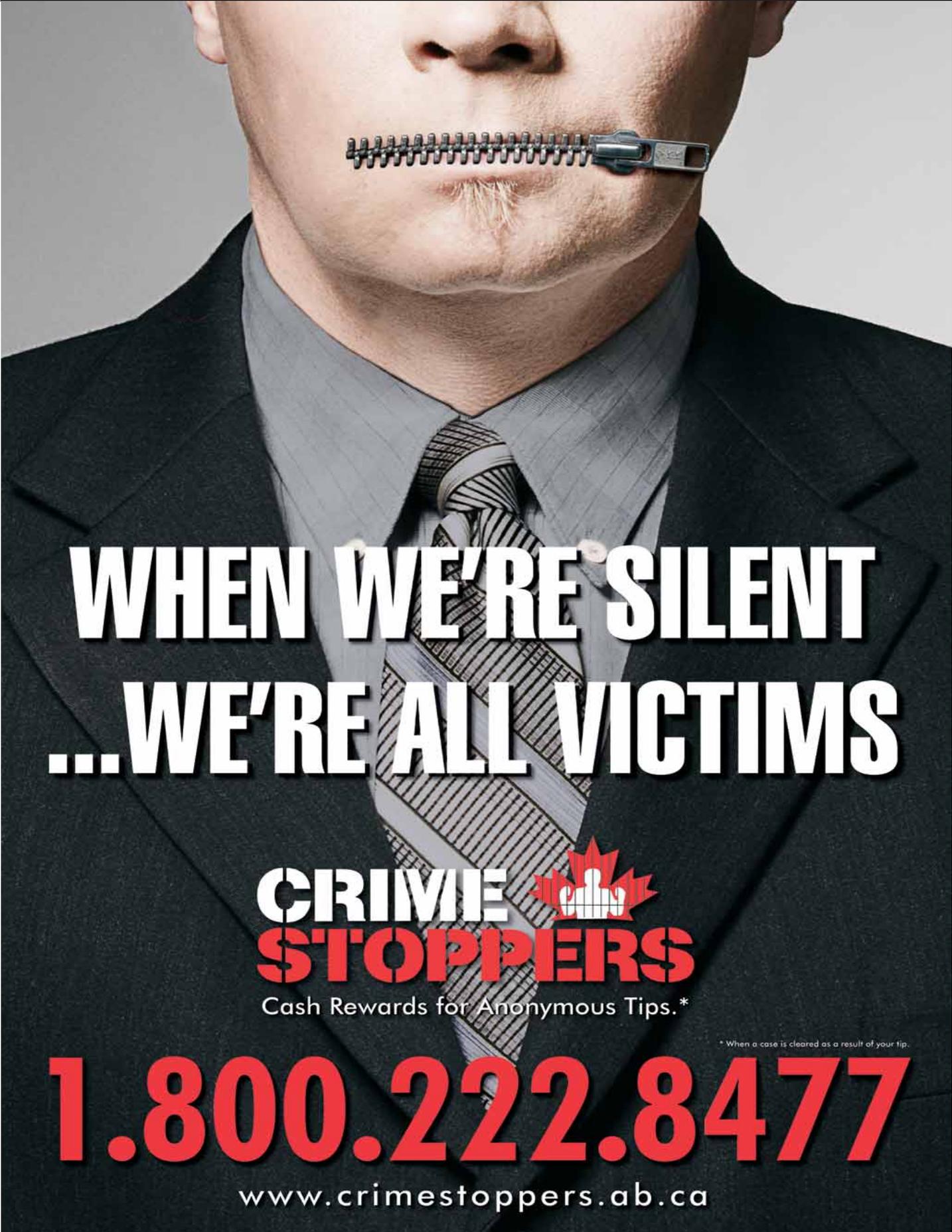
Crime Stoppers can offer anonymity to its callers because of a legal rule of evidence, which says police do not have to reveal information which might identify a person who supplies

them with information concerning criminal activity. In February of 1997 the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously decided that callers to Crime Stoppers programs were entitled to the protection of this privilege. In a typical case which started from a Crime Stoppers tip, the identity of the informer is unknown to both the Crime Stoppers Coordinator who took the call or on line tip and the case investigator. The Supreme Court went on to confirm that the privilege is so broad in scope it prevents disclosure not only of the name of the informer (even if it were it to be known) but also of any information which might implicitly reveal his or her identity. This is the premise behind the claim that "Crime Stoppers ensures the tipsters anonymity."

How do I collect my reward?

If the information is good and law enforcement uses the information to help solve a crime, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.00. A reward must be recommended and approved by the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers. Once the reward is approved, arrangements are made for the caller to pick up their cash reward in a way that is secure.

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Tips Received	3,781	64,667
Persons Arrested	139	5,724
Cases Cleared	514	12,484
Charges Laid	923	5,291
Property Recovered	\$324,149	\$14,914,189
Drugs Seized	\$12,474,987	\$271,134,584
Total Seizures	\$12,799,136	\$286,048,773
Rewards Authorized	\$70,715	\$1,365,427



2012

AUGUST

- ⇒ 3 Grow Operations dismantled
= \$949,270 worth of marijuana seized
- ⇒ 69 Wanted cases solved
= 6 arrests
- ⇒ 10 Drug Trafficking cases solved
= 5 arrests
- ⇒ 1 Break and Enter case solved
- ⇒ 1 Assault case solved
- ⇒ 1 Hit and Run case solved
- ⇒ 1 Prostitution case solved
- ⇒ 4 Weapons recovered
- ⇒ 6 Vehicles seized

2012

SEPTEMBER

- ⇒ 47 Wanted cases solved
= 3 arrests
- ⇒ 13 Drug Trafficking cases solved
= 7 arrests
- ⇒ 1 Theft case solved
= 1 arrest
- ⇒ 1 Stolen Vehicle recovered

2012

OCTOBER

- ⇒ 3 Grow Operations dismantled
= \$2,023,750 worth of marijuana seized
- ⇒ 1 Wanted case solved
= 1 arrest
- ⇒ 5 Drug Trafficking cases solved
= 5 arrests
- ⇒ 1 Break and Enter case solved
- ⇒ 1 Drug Possession case solved
- ⇒ 1 Weapon recovered

2012

NOVEMBER

- ⇒ 16 Wanted cases solved
= 6 arrests
- ⇒ 21 Drug Trafficking cases solved
= 11 arrests
- ⇒ 2 Grow Operations dismantled
= \$1,386,250 worth of marijuana seized
- ⇒ 1 Impaired Driving case solved
- ⇒ 1 Hit and Run case solved
- ⇒ 1 Possession of Stolen Property case solved
- ⇒ 4 Fraud cases solved
- ⇒ 18 Weapons recovered
- ⇒ 1 Vehicle recovered

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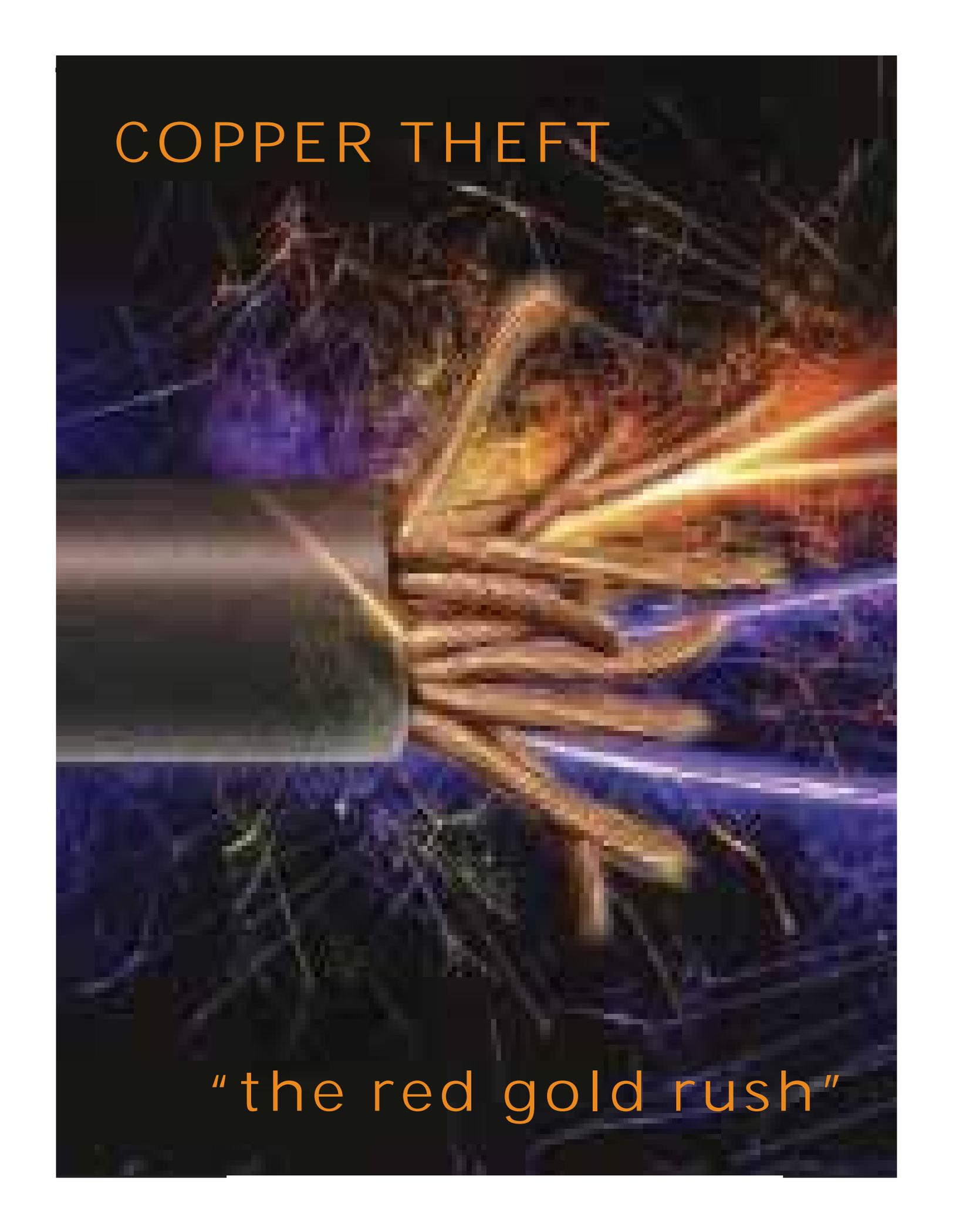
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With growing demands from developing nations, labor disputes at copper mines and a declining US dollar, the world market price for copper has soared over 400 percent in the past 5 years. As a result of these conditions, copper metal thefts have impacted the city of Calgary and the province of Alberta at an astonishing rate, defining copper thefts aside of straight forward thefts, or break and enter property offences.

With an apparent perceived low risk for high reward, criminals are initiating their attacks on critical infrastructure locations, telecommunications cable, electrical substations and light rail transit lines.

Recent attacks have caused significant public safety issues by creating electrocution hazards, and a multitude of disruptions to landline phone services, loss of access to the 911 system, first responders, public transportation and utilities.

Annual costs associated with the theft of copper in Alberta, are in the millions of dollars. Most attacks go beyond the simple costs of repair and replacement for stolen material.

Although copper is the most valuable non-ferrous metal, other metals being stolen include - stainless steel, brass, bronze, aluminum, rhodium and platinum (mainly from catalytic converters)

COPPER CRIME TRENDS

In 2011, Calgary Police Service received 139 complaints involving copper metal theft. Those same figures to October 2012 have increased over 26 percent.

Based on intelligence, experience and numerous examples, Calgary Police Service copper theft strategy, spearheaded by the Stolen Property Unit, estimates that only half of all copper theft offences are reported to police. Several examples of companies experiencing nightly, or in one instance multiple nightly incidents, have been reported to police. The rationale from victims not formally reporting their incidents to police is due to insufficient property damage and low stolen commodity values. Yet in another example, an offender admitted to committing 29 copper theft incidents, with only 10 incidents being reported to police by those victims.



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Copper Theft Victims Construction companies, Calgary Transit, energy sectors, utility services and communications providers are among the top victims of copper theft. Over one-third of all reported incidents in 2011 were from construction companies; followed by 14 percent sourced from LRT lines; 12 percent related to energy; 10 percent were thefts from

telecommunications providers; 5 percent were offences against electrical companies; and 2.2 percent targeted the oil & gas industry.

Financial and Public Safety Impact

Copper thefts at critical infrastructure locations have caused disruptions and placed the public, emergency responders and repair crews at great risk of serious injury or death. In the US, FBI and Homeland Security stated that copper thefts at critical infrastructure locations, present a risk to public safety and national security. The loss of any landline phone service, including calls to 911, have affected thousands of customers in residential communities, businesses, schools and hospitals. A single cut to a telecommunications cable could cost up to \$50,000 to repair. Over twenty incidents

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of copper bonding cable thefts occurred on the LRT tracks in Calgary during 2011. Incidents such as this, could cause trains to lose power, leaving the public stranded, and electrical grounding of the tracks to become unstable. Approximately \$80,000 in repair costs and security enhancements were required.

Dangers

In Canada and the US, thefts at electrical substations and power lines have resulted in significant property damage, serious injuries and deaths. Criminals target the copper grounding cables along the fence and on the high voltage transformers. Substations have been targeted repeatedly all across Alberta in spite of continued efforts by energy providers to enhance security and eliminate the salvage value of the copper cables. At an extreme level, houses in both Canada and the US have exploded as a result of theft related attacks on copper gas lines.



There is considerable environmental impact occurring



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daily at rural sites where offenders burn and strip copper wire. It is unlawful under the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act to burn copper wire in Alberta without a permit and without following stringent environmental regulations. Environmental cleanup at some of these locations could potentially be very costly.

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The majority of identified copper thieves have previous criminal histories. Their previous industry experiences has provided knowledge of metal commodities and their values, as well as a familiarity with an access to work sites, company vehicles, tools, and storage facilities. Although semi-organized criminal groups have been linked to copper theft, experience has not shown any connection to traditional organized crime.



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Economic and Addiction Factors

Offenders are motivated by substance abuse, addictions and opportunities for high cash payout rewards. CPS investigative experience indicates repeat offending is very common, as offenders perceive personal risk to be minimal with supplies remaining relatively constant.

Committing Copper Thefts

Various culprit strategies have been utilized by prolific copper theft offenders. In some incidents offenders have lit compounds with work lights and entered sites wearing workstyle clothing to create the perception of legitimate occupancy, inside and outside of regular business hours. Criminals committing copper thefts will use



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stolen tools, vehicles, trailers and license plates to facilitate their crimes and the sale of stolen copper.

Death and Injuries

There have been a large number of serious injuries and deaths associated directly to copper thefts. In May 2008, an offender received life-threatening burns during an attempted copper theft at a substation in Edmonton. In June 2008, an offender was

killed during an attempted copper theft in an underground electrical utilities vault in Calgary. The risks posed to the public, repair crews and emergency first responders can dramatically increase the seriousness of copper theft. Is copper theft worth dying for?

Profiting from Crime

After committing the initial theft or break and enter, offenders attempt to alter the appearance of the copper material by burning or stripping off their coatings or casings, and chop the material into smaller lengths. There is a limited increase in the payment an offender will receive by stripping the copper in an effort to raise the “rate of recovery” with scrap metal dealers. As a requirement of the Business Licence Bylaw

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32M98, scrap metal dealers are required to send all purchase information to Calgary Police Service. To avoid detection, offenders have utilized stolen trailers, vehicles and license plates. They have also been known to use intermediaries, by distributing large volumes of altered copper between family members, girlfriends or associates, in an effort to conduct transactions at various locations.

WHAT CAN BUSINESSES DO?

Businesses working with copper wire or copper pipe should take proactive measures to reduce the possibility of offenders locating and stealing copper material. There are also a number of advanced technological solutions that may be viable to assist with the identification and recovery of stolen copper.

Lock It Up

Keep a tight inventory on all copper material. Restrict physical access to the material by locking it out of sight and only having the material on a job site when it is ready to be installed.

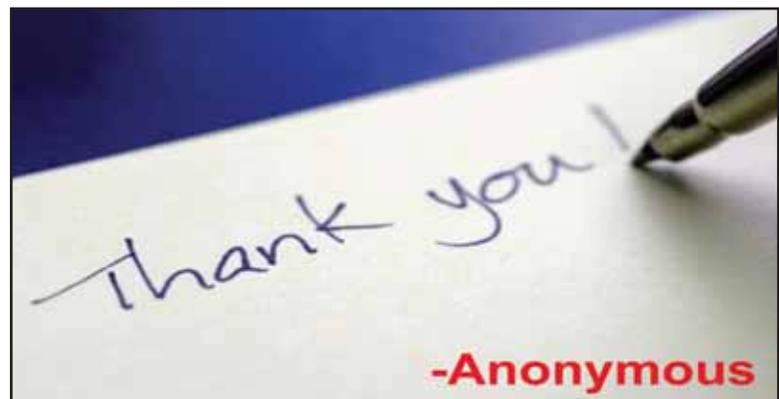
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numbered cable, or advanced traceable “synthetic DNA” on your copper products and there are many anti-theft solutions that can be used to deter the theft of copper and make it much easier to identify and recover if it is stolen.

Be Vigilant

Inform your employees about copper theft and be on the lookout for attempted theft or break and enters into buildings or

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Report Thefts Immediately

Ensure that employees and businesses report the theft of copper immediately. Provide details with a description of stolen copper (or samples) to police. Be aware of potential hazards that may exist when copper theft has occurred and where live electricity may remain present.

Call 9-1-1 immediately to report suspicious activity or any crimes in progress. Anyone with information pertaining to copper thefts or other criminal activity is asked to contact Crime Stoppers, anonymously.

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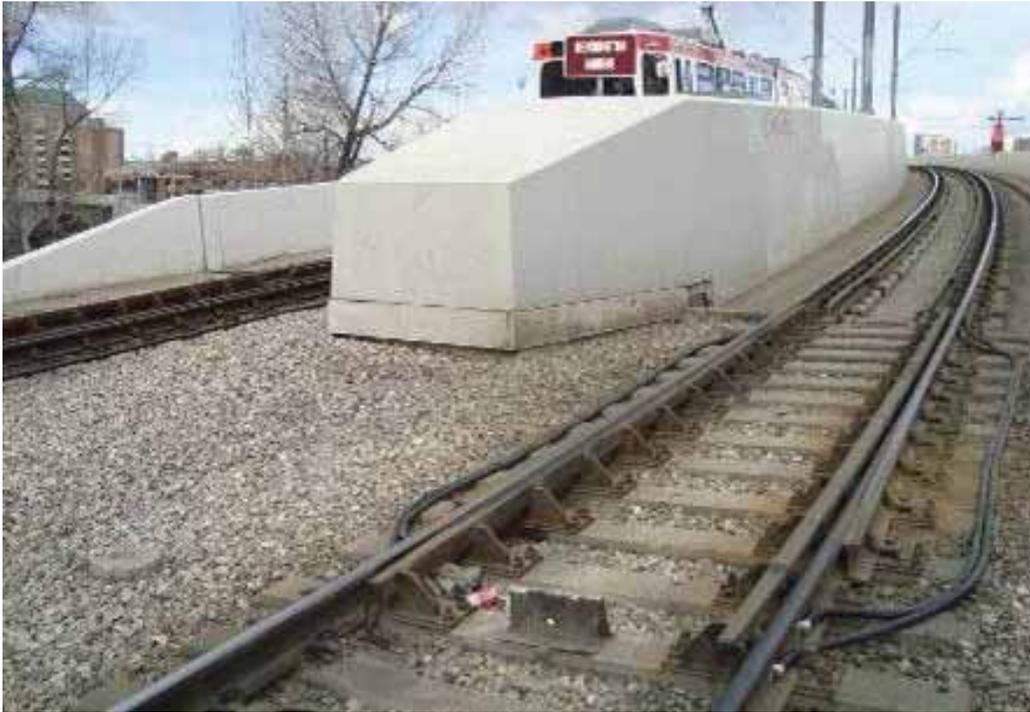


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Calgary Transit Safety and Security division is responsible for Public Safety and Enforcement (PS&E). Over time our mandate and activities changed.

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PS&E formed a partnership with Calgary Crime Stoppers Association. The primary objective of the partnership was to communicate with, and engage the public in combating crime on the public transit system, including assets and properties, buses, bus stops, c-trains, stations, tracks, platforms and parking lots.

The new alliance has provided us with an opportunity to build stronger relationships between Calgary Transit, CPS, Crime Stoppers and the public. By joining forces and working cooperatively,



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commuters on the C-Train will be safer; and our potential to develop more constructive solutions, will benefit our community safety issues.

Typical crimes reported by CTPO's and investigated by CPS include: assaults against passengers, offences with weapons, tagging, graffiti, robbery, theft of property, personal belongings, merchandise, and drugs. However over the past year, Calgary Transit and other businesses have become victims of property crime, losing millions of dollars in copper wire and other expensive metals to theft.

Proactive approaches through vital partnerships have initiated CPS to create a specialized unit to target copper wire thefts while providing a new perspective on each crime for the courts.

Forming partnerships with media, public safety agencies and the business community, continues to provide Crime Stoppers with a vast network of reliable allies and capabilities to be highly effective in crime prevention and reduction.

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Raising Public Awareness about the Serious Crime of Copper Theft

Copper theft is a crime that rarely makes the headlines, but it is one that poses growing challenges for the RCMP. Since our earliest days in Alberta, the RCMP's efforts to prevent and solve crime have relied upon our ability to engage the support of the citizens we serve. Today, that support is as - if not more - important than at any other time in our history. This is certainly the case when it comes to addressing the significant police officer and public safety issues associated with copper theft.

Over the past 10 years, Alberta has experienced a significant increase in these thefts. Copper's widespread use means offenders often target industrial sites but it can also be found at radio transmission towers, utility lines, electrical substations, rapid transit installations, public monuments, grave yards and unoccupied homes. Thefts from these locations have resulted in the temporary loss of 911 services, interruption of transit services, and delays on major construction projects, and the theft of copper plaques from grave sites continues to take an emotional toll in communities throughout the province.

However, all this pales in comparison to the significant police officer and public safety risks present when copper is stolen from locations where it is used to ground electricity. This is what distinguishes copper theft from other property offences - and this is why the RCMP needs your help in preventing and solving these crimes.

Increasingly, we find that crime impacting one community has its roots in another. This is certainly the case with copper theft. Please remember that a tip related to a copper theft could help prevent or solve a crime in your community or in one miles away. More importantly, your help could perhaps protect a police officer, utility worker or neighbor from some very serious safety hazards.

The RCMP thanks CrimeStoppers for providing us with the opportunity to enlist your support in our efforts to combat copper theft in Alberta.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D.N. McGowan".

D.N. (Dale) McGowan
Deputy Commissioner, M.O.M.
Commanding Officer RCMP "K" Division

UNSOLVED Crimes

Copper Metal Theft

2012-04-03 BREAK ENTER THEFT**Sylvan Lake**

Energy company reports person(s) unknown entered an oil battery by means unknown. Once inside copper grounds were removed creating a dangerous situation in which the building was not connected to the ground grid.

Damage/Loss: \$13,500

(\$6,500 ground cable; \$1,000 connectors; \$2,000 Cable Tray; \$4,000 labor)

2012-04-26 BREAK ENTER THEFT**Sherwood Park**

Electric energy company reports person(s) unknown entered a substation by means unknown (the barb wire on top of the entrance gate appeared to be compressed). Once inside copper grounds were removed from the switch gear building creating a dangerous situation in which the building was not connected to the ground grid.

Damage/Loss: \$3,200

2012-05-09 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**Edmonton**

Electric energy company reports a vehicle entered a storage yard, just prior to closing, and slowly drove around apparently scouting the area. The storage yard contains copper wire. An employee blocked the vehicle with a forklift and proceeded to approach the driver. The vehicle imme-

diately reversed and exited the yard.

Vehicle described as:

Honda Civic

4 Dr silver-grey in color

bearing unregistered Alberta plate.

Damage/Loss: n/a

2012-05-10 BREAK ENTER THEFT**Westerose**

Energy company reports person(s) unknown entered a substation and stole 200 yards of ground cable stolen from cable tray at the Westerose South Battery. It appears that a vehicle had been parked along the east side of the lease and pulled the cable through the fence.

Damage/Loss: \$5,000

2012-05-15 THEFT Frog Lake

Oil / Gas energy company reports person(s) unknown stole grounding cables from sixteen (16) different well sites.

Loss: \$8,000

2012-05-17 THEFT Sylvan Lake

Oil / Gas energy company reports person(s) unknown cut and removed grounding cables in a number of spots at an unfenced production site; no interruption of service, however potential hazard for employee safety.

Damage/Loss: \$ 5,000

UNSOLVED Crimes Copper Metal Theft

2012-05-23 BREAK ENTER THEFT

Westeros

Energy company reports person(s) unknown entered a substation. Grounding wire stolen from along west chain link fence. Wire was removed along south fence line to main gate. Culprits were inside fence on the dock where wire pieces are stored. It appears that a vehicle had been parked along the east side of the lease and pulled the cable through the fence. Persons and a vehicle were found on the company's surveillance system. Police also have pictures of foot prints and tire tracks as well as a black tool box that was in compressor building. This box contained some master padlocks and duplicate A-389 Keys. Some Keys were recovered out side of the south east gate. The black tool box was secured for fingerprints. Out side the west chain link fence a tag from a set of 18" bolt cutters was found. Damage/Loss: \$9,500

2012-05-23 BREAK ENTER THEFT

Westeros

Energy company reports person(s) unknown entered a substation and stole wire from another nearby Battery site. Copper wire was removed from the cable trays at the Westeros South Battery. It appears that a vehicle had been parked along the east side of the lease and pulled the cable through the fence. Persons and a vehicle were found on the company's surveillance system. Copies of these were sent to the RCMP. Police also have pictures of foot prints and tire tracks as well as a black tool box that was in compressor building. This box contained some master padlocks and duplicate A-389 Keys. Some Keys were recovered out side of the south east gate. The black tool box was secured for fingerprints. Out side the west chain link fence a tag from a set of 18" bolt cutters was found this was also secured by the RCMP Damage/Loss: \$9,500

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2012-05-27 THEFT

Pigeon Lake

Oil / Gas energy company reports person(s) unknown entered onto Battery site and cut ground cable near the compressor building. After further investigation found all the ground cable stolen. This is the second similar occurrence at this location
Damage/Loss: \$5,000

2012-05-29 BREAK ENTER THEFT

Westeros

Energy company reports person(s) unknown entered a substation and stole 300 yards of ground cable stolen from cable tray at the Craig Battery and got their mini van stuck in the field on the east side of the site. Police towed the van for fingerprinting. It is believed the culprits may be Asian given the reading material found in the van.
Damage/Loss: \$5,000

2012-06-02 THEFT

Rimbey

Oil / Gas energy company reports person(s) unknown cut the gate chain and entered onto 2 lease sites and stripped both of ground wire.
Damage/Loss: \$5,000

2012-06-06 BREAK ENTER THEFT

Calgary

Electric energy company reports person(s) unknown cut a hole in a chain link fence and once inside site, cut and removed copper ground wires off of two support structures and grounding wire from the fence. Several other equipment grounds in close proximity were un-touched. Small coils of cut off copper as well as several copper plates were found outside of the fenced area.
Location: Calgary
Damage/Loss: \$1,500

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(public safety issue)

Sometime between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m., on Wednesday, April 24, 2012, unknown offender(s) gained access into a commercial yard at 7041 Farrell Rd. S.E. Once inside, the offender(s) cut a large heavy gauge copper wire belonging to an Enmax transformer. Nothing more was taken due to the copper wire being live when it was cut, which likely resulted in significant shock and/or electrical burn.

Cost to replace the copper wire is estimated at \$10,000

ENMAX

Sometime between 5 p.m., on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, and 7 a.m., on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, unknown offender(s) entered a construction site located on the west side of Quarry Park Boulevard S.E.

The construction site is in the early stages of development for both residential and light commercial properties.

The offender(s) entered a long ditch, dug to a depth of approx 10 feet, and removed a series of high-grade woven electrical cable (3 copper strands woven into one cable) Thieves unraveled the weave and cut approx 40 meters of single strand copper.

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Building Under Construction

Sometime between Friday, October 26, 2012, and Tuesday, October 30, 2012, unknown culprit(s) entered a building under construction on two separate occasions, at 2021 100 Avenue N.E. On both occasions, culprit(s) entered the building and stole copper wiring.

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2012-06-11 BREAK ENTER THEFT**Stettler**

Electric energy company reports person(s) cut a hole in a perimeter fence. Pieces of copper wire were found outside the fence and vehicle tracks in the vicinity.

Media reported "POLICE USE SPIKE BELT TO STOP FLEEING DRIVER" arrested for this incident.

"...there was a heaping amount of copper wire in the box of the vehicle."

Jason John DUNLOP, 31 yrs, Red Deer, AB arrested numerous charges.

Damage/Loss: \$5,000

2012-06-12 BREAK ENTER THEFT**Red Deer**

Electric energy company reports person(s) cut through a security fence and once inside the site, cut and stole copper ground wire.

Damage/Loss: \$22,650

2012-06-18 THEFT Lloydminster

Energy company reports an employee observed a male in a Dodge Durango truck (with damage to the front fender passenger side) at a well site. When approached by the employee, the male fled. It was later discovered the male had removed/cut a substantial number of wire. Photos taken of vehicle and licence number obtained. Subsequent investigation found the truck had been reported stolen.

Damage/Loss: n/a

2012-06-19 BREAK ENTER THEFT**Edson**

Electric energy company reports person(s) cut the hasp/lock off the main gate at a substation yard and stole a 6 foot wide wooden reel containing approx; 500 meters ADSS fibre Optic Cable. On 2012 JUN 22, the reel and cable were recovered.

Damage/Loss: \$3,500

2012-06-21 BREAK ENTER THEFT**Three Hills**

Energy company reports person(s) cut ground cables throughout the plant yard.

Damage/Loss: \$5,000

2012-06-26 BREAK ENTER THEFT**Thorsby**

Electric energy company reports decommissioned gas plant last inspected in May and June site inspection found person(s) cut a hole in substation perimeter fence and pried open a window allowing access into the switchgear building. Once inside copper bus bar and copper grounding cables were stolen. Bus bar is described as 3/8" thick x 3" wide of various lengths. It is estimated 200 feet was taken.

Damage/Loss: \$43,000

2012-06-28 BREAK ENTER THEFT**Red Deer**

Electric energy company reports contractor arrived on site in early morning to find male

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subject in secure yard waving arms. Where upon the Contractor stopped his vehicle. Upon approaching the Contractor the subject stated he thought it was someone else and ran off down the road towards a parked pickup truck. Subsequent inspection of the yard found a hole had been cut in a perimeter fence. Copper ground wire had been cut off various structures and equipment inside substation. Ground mats had been pulled up and ground wire was cut leading to extremely hazardous situations for site personnel. A pile of cut copper wire was found near the hole in fence.
Damage/Loss: \$12,142

2012-07-01 THEFT Rimbey

Oil / Gas energy company reports person(s) entered three (3) different sites in the same area and stole ground cables, heater cords and sight glass.
Damage/Loss: \$1,500

2012-07-01 THEFT Fort McMurray

Oil / Gas energy company reports person(s) entered construction camp and cut/stole large amount electrical cable.
Damage/Loss: \$12,000

2012-07-05 BREAK ENTER THEFT Drumheller

Electric energy company reports person(s) cut the lock off at a main gate storage site. Once inside culprits accessed cable

trays and cut approx. 520 meters of copper grounding strap into 2 meter strips.
Damage/Loss: \$25,000

2012-07-06 BREAK ENTER THEFT Three Hills

Energy company reports person(s) cut ground cables throughout the plant yard.
Damage/Loss: \$5,000

2012-07-07 BREAK ENTER THEFT Three Hills

Energy company reports person(s) cut ground cables throughout the plant yard.
Damage/Loss: \$5,600

2012-07-11 ATTEMPTED THEFT Drayton Valley

Oil / Gas energy company reports a tank truck driver discovered two persons in a white Ford F150, 4 door, with shiny rims attempting to steal copper wire at a battery site. The next day, it is believed the same truck was spotted at another battery site east of Drayton Valley.
Damage/Loss: n/a

2012-07-21 THEFT Rimbey

Oil / Gas energy company reports person(s) entered a compressor site and removed ground rod lids, cut off ground cables from 6 buildings and cables from an electrical rack.
Damage/Loss: \$7,500

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2012-07-26 THEFT Penhold

Oil / Gas energy company reports person(s) stole a battery and cut/removed cables from an electrical cabinet at a well site resulting in a SCADA communication error.

Damage/Loss: \$2,000

2012-08-20 BREAK ENTER THEFT

Camrose

Energy company reports person(s) cut ground cables around tank and truck bonding .

Damage/Loss: \$5,000

2012-08-26 BREAK ENTER THEFT

Camrose

Energy company reports that second time at this site person(s) cut 15 feet ground cables around the tank and truck bonding.

Damage/Loss: \$5,000

2012-08-29 BREAK ENTER THEFT

Edmonton

Oil / Gas energy company reports person(s) entered a terminal building. Once inside locks were cut off cabinet and all copper wire contents stolen.

Damage/Loss: \$50,000

2012-09-26 BREAK ENTER THEFT

Rocky Mountain House

Energy company reports person(s) cut locks off the gate to the compressor site and cut 200 feet of 16000 2/0AW6600W ground cable

Damage/Loss: \$3,000

2012-10-10 BREAK ENTER THEFT

Beaverlodge

Energy company reports person(s) cut ground cable and start up cables from site.

Damage/Loss: \$3,000



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TELUS - offender charged **Public Safety Issue**

On Thursday, July 5, 2012, at 4:40 a.m., TELUS Communications were the victims of a theft of above ground telecommunications cable. The theft was from a location on the south side of Country Hills Boulevard N.E., about 200m east of Stoney Trail N.E., Calgary. Offender(s) cut and removed the cable which resulted in a total loss of all telecommunication services, such as telephone, internet and 911 access to approximately 415 homes in this area.

Through the course of the investigation, a fire was located approximately 1 km away from where the theft took place. On scene, police located the cable stolen from the earlier theft. Offender(s) had attempted to burn the strip of plastic coating off the cable to access the copper wire.

As a result of this investigation over \$300,000 worth of stolen vehicles and trailers were also recovered.

CBC Radio Canada - offender charged **Public Safety Issue**

On Monday, June 25, 2012, at approximately 8:20 a.m., a man entered the property of CBC Radio Canada at 8717 Old Banff Coach Rd. SW. Once inside the fenced yard, he cut a 20 foot section of copper wire. Two

witnesses observed the man walking south through a field and then into a tree line out of sight. The suspect left behind the section of cable.

The Calgary Police Service were called to the scene and conducted a search of the area where the culprit was observed fleeing and found two additional, 20 foot sections of copper cable, hidden in the bushes. The cable recovered was worth \$22,000

LRT Tracks - offender/s charged **Public Safety Issue**

Since March 2011, the Calgary Light Rail Transit system (LRT) has been the victim of numerous thefts of copper cable and property damage. These types of crimes greatly impact the day to day operations of the LRT system; which on a typical day moves approximately 250,000 people to and from work. The total cost to date of stolen property and property damage is estimated at over \$80,000.

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Oct. 2, 2012 - CPS and RCMP executed a warrant at a property approx 5 km northeast of Calgary. One man was taken into custody without incident.

Rocco AMORUSO, 56, Rocky View County was arrested on the property for outstanding warrant and \$100,000 in stolen property, copper wire and firearms was seized.

- large quantity stripped telecommunications cable casing
- approx 200 lbs. copper wire from telecommunications provider
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- one stolen all-terrain vehicle (ATV)
- two motorcycles, one confirmed stolen
- two stolen trucks
- one stolen knife

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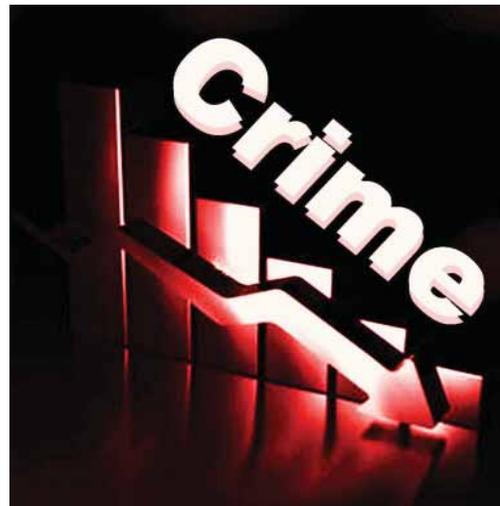
- various pieces machinery and electronics
- 24' utility trailer stolen containing various items
- small quantity unknown drugs
- two trucks with vehicle identification numbers (VIN) replaced
- large quantity of ammunition, cross bow, and long bow

This investigation continues with further charges pending.

CPS has dedicated resources to prevent and investigate copper thefts, which can create significant safety issues for the community, first responders, as well as economic impacts when critical infrastructure are targeted.

Call 9-1-1 immediately to report suspicious activity or any crimes in progress. Anyone with information pertaining to copper thefts or other criminal activity is asked to contact Crime Stoppers, anonymously.

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WANTED for Break Enter and Theft of Metal
Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000
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CLAYTON DARWIN ROOKE

Calgary Police Service is seeking public assistance in locating a man wanted in connection with break, enter and theft of metal.

On Thursday 20 September 2012 at 12:13 am suspect(s) entered the yard at 2206 Portland St SE and were seen chopping up aluminum metal poles and placing the cut pieces into the rear of a white chev van. Calgary Police were called to investigate the suspicious activity. Upon arrival, police observed several distinctly shaped pieces of aluminum in the back of the van, however they did not appear

to be stolen from the current location. Through police investigation, it was determined that the distinctly shaped pieces of aluminum were from another break and enter at a fenced compound belonging to media resources located at unit 14, 1530 27 Av NE - some time between 2012/09/15 and 2012/09/20 - and are the property of the victim, Pattison Outdoor.

Rooke, 52 of no fixed address, is wanted on a warrant issued 2012/12/04 for numerous charges. ROOKE appears to be actively evading contact by CPS and is presently considered to be no threat to the public.

DESCRIPTION: Caucasian male, 5'6" tall, 190 lbs, brown eyes, brown hair, DOB 1961/01/04

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