

*Press release today in regard to a major investigation that resulted in Criminal charges against two Saskatchewan residents. Congratulations and thanks to Cpl. Lindsey Anderson for work and dedication on this file to bring it to charges and the recovery of Alberta and Saskatchewan livestock. This file shows the cooperation between the two provinces inspection programs.*

# Lanigan RCMP lay charges for trafficking cattle in Alberta and Saskatchewan

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Lanigan RCMP have laid charges following a five-month long cattle theft investigation at Caprina Farms and Ranching located near Jansen, Saskatchewan.

Lanigan RCMP, the Alberta RCMP Livestock Investigations Section (LIS) and members of the Livestock Services of Saskatchewan (LSS) were involved in the investigation.

On [June 2020](#), Lanigan RCMP, the **Alberta RCMP LIS** and LSS members conducted a search of Caprina Farms located in the R.M. of Prairie Rose, SK. The search resulted in a substantial recovery of Alberta and Saskatchewan cattle. It is reported a large number of animals were trafficked by the accused.

59-year-old **Monika Ribi, of the R.M. of Prairie Rose**, has been charged with the following offences:

- Five counts of Theft of Cattle, Sec. 338(2) of the Criminal Code;
- Two counts of Trafficking Stolen Cattle, Sec. 338(2) of the Criminal Code;
- Fraudulently Marking Cattle, Sec. 338(1)(b)(ii) of the Criminal Code; and
- Causing Animals to be in Distress, Sec. 4(1) of the Animal Protection Act.

59-year-old **Andre Ribi, of the R.M. of Prairie Rose**, has been charged with the following offences:

- Theft of Cattle, Sec. 338(2) of the Criminal Code;
- Trafficking Stolen Cattle, Sec. 338(2) of the Criminal Code;
- Fraudulently Marking Cattle, Sec. 338(1)(b)(ii) of the Criminal Code; and
- Causing Animals to be in Distress, Sec. 4(1) of the Animal Protection Act.

The Ribis have been released with conditions and are scheduled to make their first appearance in Humboldt Provincial Court on [August 24, 2020](#).

“We recognize the challenges that come with managing farming operations, it's a big job. Having farmers and ranchers able to specifically identify that something was amiss with their herd or that animals were missing and then take time out of their day to report it, was key to this investigation,” says Staff Sergeant Greg Abbott of the RCMP Central District Management Team. “In this instance, it specifically resulted in linkages being made to other inter-provincial files and ultimately resulted in a much larger investigation and charges laid.”

The RCMP Livestock Section would like to remind cattle owners of the importance of branding for ownership identification purposes. Branding is really the only definite means of animal identification.