

For Immediate Release

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Warburg, Alberta – President Gord Enders of Direct-Line Insurance released the following statement

"Direct-Line Insurance in Warburg, Alberta, which also operates Warburg Agencies, combining to offer general insurance services, banking services through ATB, and Alberta Registries services, suffered severe damage to their building early Sunday morning as a result of a burglary and a failed robbery attempt.

While the building suffered extensive damage, the suspects escaped empty handed – nothing of value was taken.

The suspects used a large piece of heavy equipment – a stolen frontend loader – to destroy the front wall of the building at approximately 3 am on Sunday, November 28, 2021.

The 3 or 4 suspects then escaped using an early 2000's Ford F-350 dually extended cab painted flat black.

The building is currently not usable however, insurance and banking operations are currently operating remotely – all phone numbers and emails remain the same but fax is unavailable.

In person consultations for insurance and banking are available through Direct-Line Insurance's location in Calmar located at 4950 – 50th Avenue in Calmar, Alberta.

Registry Services are currently unavailable but Direct-Line anticipates this line of business being operational in the coming days.

Direct-Line would like to thank the RCMP for their diligent work on tracking down the suspects. Anyone with information on this crime is asked to contact the Thorsby/Breton detachment.

Thanks to those customers, vendors, and community members who have reached out to provide support.

Direct-Line is committed to it's customers, staff, and the community of Warburg and looks forward to building back our physical presence stronger than ever, providing general insurance, ATB banking, and Alberta Registries services in Warburg."

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