

Paintballs, pot keep police busy

Tree pruner nips crime in the bud

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A man is taken into a police car on Grace St. Thursday morning after a complaint about a paintball attack. Courtesy Matt Kaip

A quiet Regina street was suddenly swarmed by police Thursday morning after a worker was shot with a paintball gun.

Not long after, two suspects were in custody and three large garbage bags filled with marijuana plants had been seized.

It happened on the 1300 block of Grace Street on the west side of the city.

A group of outdoor workers were pruning trees when one of them, Matt Kaip, felt a sting on the back of his leg.

He looked down and saw he had been splattered by a fluorescent orange paintball.

Looking around, he saw someone holding what looked like a paintball gun looking out of a second-storey window in a nearby home.



Matt Kaip looked down and saw fluorescent orange paint splattered on his leg. Courtesy Matt Kaip

Regina police were called and soon there were four police cars on the scene.

Officers went into the home and two men, both appearing to be in their early 20s, were arrested, Kaip said.

Police were in the home for a while, then came out with three large plastic bags containing what appeared to be a number of marijuana plants, he said.

Police said later in the day that two 19-year-old men are facing a variety of charges, including mischief, assault, possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, and weapons charges.