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Incident: Prolific Offender Arrested by APD and LMD IRSU

Abbotsford – October 5, 2017

On the morning of Thursday, October 05, 2017, the Abbotsford Police Department and the Lower Mainland District Integrated Road Safety Unit (LMD IRSU) Prohibited Driver Enforcement Team partnered on a project aimed at locating and arresting a 37-year-old prolific offender who was wanted on outstanding warrants for driving offences. The combined police resources and the police helicopter Air 1 established surveillance in Chilliwack and located the suspect driving dangerously and travelling at speeds of up to 160 km/h in posted 70 km/h zones. Eventually, the suspect made his way into central Abbotsford and parked the red Honda he was driving in a shopping parkade in the 32900 block of South Fraser Way at 1:35 pm.

Police officers attempted to arrest the suspect but he resisted. He attempted to flee from police and ultimately landed on the ground approximately 4 meters below. The suspect was injured as a result of an impact with the ground but limped to a nearby vehicle that he attempted to steal. Police arrived quickly to that location and arrested the suspect.

The suspect was taken to hospital for treatment of a suspected broken leg. A police officer was also injured when the suspect resisted arrest and he also received treatment in hospital. Police will be recommending a series of charges including Driving While Prohibited, Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Resisting Arrest, Flight from Police, Hit and Run and Attempt Theft.

The Independent Investigations Office (IIO) has been advised of the incident and will be undertaking a preliminary investigation to determine if there is a connection between the injuries the suspect sustained and the actions of police.

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