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## NEWS RELEASE

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### APD NEWS RELEASE:

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### **Incident: APD Gang Crime Unit Makes Significant Arrest**

#### **Abbotsford – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

On Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Abbotsford Police Department's newly formed Gang Crime Unit (GCU), with the assistance of APD Patrol officers, attempted to stop a vehicle believed to be involved in the drug trade. The vehicle accelerated away from police, striking a marked police vehicle. With the assistance of Police Helicopter Air 1, CFSEU, and the LMD Police Dog Service, the vehicle was followed covertly. The driver was arrested when he stepped out of the vehicle after parking in Coquitlam.

Harniel Singh SINGH, 22 years old, was charged with flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, driving while prohibited, and failure to remain at an accident.

On Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, only twelve days after Mr. SINGH's previous arrest, the APD Gang Crime Unit, with the assistance of Police Helicopter Air 1, the IRSU Prohibited Driver Enforcement Team and the LMD Police Dog Service, located and arrested Mr. SINGH on outstanding charges of uttering threats. A police service dog was required to apprehend Mr. SINGH as he attempted to flee on foot when APD officers pulled over the vehicle he was in.

Once in custody, a search of Mr. SINGH netted a large quantity of fentanyl and crack cocaine, pre-packaged for sale. As a result, Mr. SINGH has been further charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, and obstruction.

At the time of his arrest, Mr. SINGH was in the company of 19 year old Shahid Sirah PATEL, who is also now facing charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking in fentanyl and cocaine.

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Mr. SINGH and Mr. PATEL remain in custody pending a court appearance later today.

The APD's Gang Crime Unit continues to target those individuals involved in criminal activities within the Abbotsford area, focusing on parties linked to the ongoing Lower Mainland Gang Conflict.

Parents of youth involved in gangs or drug trafficking are encouraged to seek assistance by contacting the APD's Youth Help Line at 604-864-4777. The APD has numerous drug use prevention resources on its website (<http://www.abbypd.ca/illegal-drugs>).

Please report crime and share information by contacting the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225. If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- 8477, or report online at solvecrime.ca.

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