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Incident: Abby Sweep Results

The Abbotsford Police Department is crediting Project Abby Sweep for its contribution to a recent decline in property crime in Abbotsford. Six dedicated officers from the APD Bike Squad and Patrol Section used surveillance and uniformed enforcement to target prolific property crime offenders in Abbotsford.

The project, which ran from February 6th to March 2nd, resulted in police making contact with over 200 individuals. These street, vehicle, and curfew compliance checks led to 59 arrests. Outstanding warrants were executed, and 39 new criminal charges were laid, ranging from breach of court ordered conditions to break and enter. During this project, officers recovered 3 stolen vehicles, including a semi-truck worth \$45,000.

All of those charged were repeat offenders who have been charged at least once in the past year. Of the 59 arrested, 3 were prolific repeat offenders. One 30 year old male had been charged 6 times in the past year, a 45 year old male had been charged 4 times, and a 30 year old male had 7 previous charges in a single year.

Abby Sweep was created by the APD in response to an increase in property crime in our community. This one-month project focused enforcement on chronic offenders, and aimed to reduce theft of vehicles, theft from vehicles, and break and enter crimes.

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Sgt. Doug Wilding stated, "Our focus was on the 1% of the population responsible for 99% of the crime."

Abbotsford Police Department Patrol officers, Crime Reduction Unit, and other specialty units will continue to work to decrease property crime in our community. We urge our citizens to help us with this fight by removing belongings from their vehicles and by using an anti-theft device. If you see a suspicious vehicle or have information, please call the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225, or to report anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or via solvecrime.ca. #LockItorLosIt!

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