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Incident: Suspect in custody after brief, violent crime spree

On February 9, 2019 at 9:29pm, Abbotsford Police patrol officers were called to the 2300 block of McCallum Road in response to a report of two people being assaulted with a weapon.

Upon police arrival, the victims stated that without any provocation, a man had chased them and struck them with a metal pipe. The assailant, later identified as Johnathan RATH, then threw the pipe at one of the victims and smashed a car window before fleeing on foot.

Within an hour of the assault, police were called to a robbery in progress at a liquor store on Montvue Ave. The suspect threatened store clerks with a knife while stealing cash and alcohol. Minutes later, at 10:34pm, patrol officers in downtown Abbotsford observed a male matching the description of the robbery suspect. The male, identified as Johnathan RATH, was arrested without incident.



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Johnathan RATH, 37 years old, remains in custody charged with:
Assault with a weapon (2 counts)
Assault Causing Bodily Harm (2 counts)
Utter threats to cause death or bodily harm
Robbery with a weapon
Breach of court order x 4

The victims of the assault sustained serious injuries and were transported to hospital.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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