

## **Abbotsford Police Department**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **APD NEWS RELEASE:**

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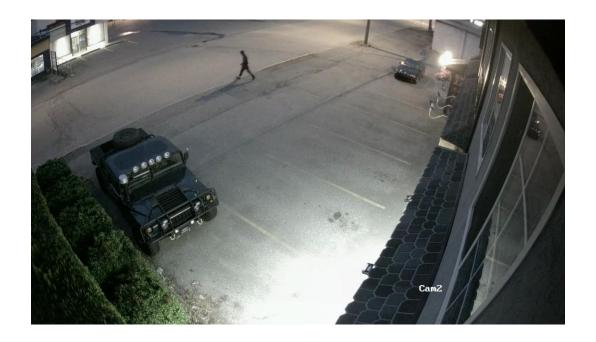
Incident: Update to Arson at Abbotsford Tire Store

Abbotsford - June 21, 2017

The Major Crime Unit of the Abbotsford Police Department continues to investigate this arson. At this point, it is believed that the fire was started from inside the business. Detectives are releasing two images of the suspect fleeing the scene with the hope that someone will be able to identify him or may recall an interaction with a person with a similar appearance either prior to, or after, the fire was set.



Our Mission:
To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.



Anyone with information about this arson investigation is asked to contact the Major Crime Unit of the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225, text us at 222973 (abbypd) or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## **Initial News Release of June 17, 2017:**

On Saturday, June 17, 2017, at 4:30 am, a witness observed flames and smoke coming from an Abbotsford tire store located in the 33200 block of South Fraser Way. The man immediately dialed 911 and reported the fire and the fact that he observed a person running from the scene eastbound. He described the person as a thin male who was wearing dark clothing and a hoodie.

Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service crews battled the substantial blaze which consumed the building.

Abbotsford Police Department Major Crime Unit detectives are working with AFRS to determine the cause of the arson. APD investigators are canvassing for video and additional witnesses.

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