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Incident: Three More Charged with Drug and Firearms-Related Offences

Three more individuals linked to the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict have been arrested in the past 1 ½ weeks. The Abbotsford Police Department Drug Enforcement Unit has been targeting groups involved in the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict, and has specifically targeted those dealing in fentanyl and carfentanil.

Charges have been laid against: Ishaan MUTNEJA, 19 years old, 2 charges Navpreet DHALIWAL, 19 years old, 6 charges Sukhjit MALHI, 19 years old, 6 charges

The charges include drug trafficking in fentanyl, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine, possession for the purpose of trafficking, and firearms-related offences.

At the time of his arrest, Ishaan MUTNEJA was on bail for six counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, and a firearm offence related to a previous APD investigation.

Sgt. Gamboa of the APD Gang Task Force initiative states "The safety risks to those involved with - or even associated to - people in the gang lifestyle are real. It's really sad to see young people being drawn into these violent conflicts."

The APD has information and educational material available on its website (<u>http://www.abbypd.ca/illegal-drugs</u>), including helplines, resources for parents, warning posters and videos.

The Abbotsford Police Department continues to target individuals involved in the Lower Mainland Gang Conflict, and to improve public safety through targeted enforcement.

Our Mission: To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C. Please contact the Abbotsford Police Department Gang Task Force for information on the warning signs of gang involvement, risk factors, and for help getting yourself or someone you care about out of the gang life. Contact us at helpyouth@abbypd.ca or call 604-864-4777.

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