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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## UPDATE- Abbotsford Police Seeking help to locate missing Chief Dan George Sculpture

## August 2, 2019

The AbbyPD are pleased to be able to update the public that the Chief Dan George sculpture has been recovered in Mission. Thank you to spreading the word and keeping an eye out for this sculpture!

Abbotsford Police Investigators continue their investigation to track down the person who stole this sculpture.

If you information on this incident, please contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225, text 222973(abbypd), or report anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS) or www.solvecrime.ca

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On Thursday July 4, 2019, Abbotsford School District contacted Abbotsford Police to report the theft of a stone sculpture depicting Chief Dan George. The sculpture, created by artist Gerald Sandau, is approximately 70 lbs, 2 feet tall and 1 foot wide. It is valued at \$8,000.

The sculpture was donated in 2017 and has been on display in Chief Dan George Middle School's main display case. The sculpture was placed in secure storage when renovations began at the school.



In June 2019, school staff attempted to locate the sculpture to put it on display in the main office. At that time it became apparent that the statue was missing, and police were contacted.

The Abbotsford Police is appealing to anyone with information about this incident to call 604-859-5225, text 222973(abbypd), or report anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS) or www.solvecrime.ca

Additional pictures of the sculpture can be seen on the artist's website at <u>https://www.geraldsandau-sculpture.com/chief-dan-george-sculpture.html?fbclid=lwAR0Oo683b-</u>n0MKAlro\_zbQWPDwzThFprfVkYM8em2ZJqYQ5rl3yjUuO8BZs

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