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NEWS RELEASE

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Teenager charged with driving 187 km/hr on Hwy 11

An 18-year-old male ("N" driver) has been charged with excessive speeding after being caught allegedly driving 187 km/hr on Highway 11.

On Thursday, July 4 at 7:30pm, an Abbotsford Police Traffic Enforcement Unit officer clocked an Audi A3 travelling **107 km/hr above the speed limit** on Highway 11 at Clayburn Road. A 17-year-old passenger was also in the vehicle. The vehicle was towed and will be impounded for 7 days. The driver's license will be reviewed by the Superintendent of the Motor Vehicle Branch.

Speeding can be expensive. Drivers caught going 40 km/h or more over the limit receive an automatic 3 demerit points and face a fine between \$368- \$483.

From the ICBC website at <https://www.icbc.com/road-safety/crashes-happen/Pages/Speed.aspx>:

The faster you go, the more you pay

If you're caught speeding, you pay in a number of ways – and the cost increases the more you speed.

Driver risk premium

If you have one or more excessive speeding tickets, you pay a driver risk premium. It's based on convictions over a three-year period. You pay the driver risk premium on top of your cost of insurance.

Fines

Ticket fines increase the further over the speed limit you drive. If you're caught doing 20km/hr over the speed limit on a highway, you'll be ticketed \$138; do more than 40km/hr,

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and the ticket is \$368. In a school, playground or construction zone, the fines range from \$196 to \$483.

Vehicle impoundment

Besides the violation ticket fine and driver risk premium, police can immediately impound your vehicle for seven days for those travelling 40 km or more over the posted speed limit. This could escalate to 30 or 60 days for repeat offenders. The owner is then required to pay the vehicle towing and storage fees to get their vehicle back.

“You may think you’re in control at these high speeds, but should you need to take evasive action, or react to another driver, you may find yourself unable to respond effectively. The results can be deadly.” states the AbbyPD Traffic Enforcement Unit’s Sgt. Desi Sansalone.

Drier weather is expected in the next few months. AbbyPD reminds you to drive safely and obey all traffic rules. Please slow down. Speeding isn’t worth the risk.

Reminder: laws and fines regulating road safety are the responsibility of the BC Government – police enforce these statutes and regulations

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