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UPDATE - Investigators seeking witnesses to Walsh Ave arsons

While patrolling central Abbotsford on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4:15 am, an Abbotsford Police patrol officer heard an explosion on Walsh Avenue. Upon responding to this location, the officer found a dumpster on fire in an alley and observed a fire at a nearby recycling depot across the street. Investigators have located numerous locations in this area where the suspect lit small fires.

Abbotsford Police Department General Investigation Section officers have viewed CCTV and would like to speak to some people who were observed in the area.

At approximately 4:07 am, a white truck was travelling Southbound on Ware St. It is possible the occupants may have seen the suspect as they fled the scene.

A man was walking South on Ware St. at the same time and may have also observed the suspect fleeing.

There was another person in the area peering into garbage bins and may have spoken to or know the suspect.

Though the CCTV does not show the suspect's face, a noticeable gait can be observed.

Investigators would like to speak to these witnesses. If you have information about this incident, please contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225.

VIDEO link: <https://youtu.be/7UFw5iGi5EI>



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AbbyPD investigating suspicious fires on Walsh Ave

While patrolling central Abbotsford on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4:15 am, an Abbotsford Police patrol officer heard an explosion near the 33200 block of Walsh Street. Upon responding to this location, the officer found a dumpster on fire in an alley and also observed a fire at a nearby recycling depot across the street. Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service attended to extinguish the fires.

At the time of these fires, local businesses were closed, and no one was injured.

Abbotsford Police General Investigation Section and Abbotsford Fire Rescue investigators remain on scene. These fires are considered suspicious, and investigators are unsure as to the motive(s). No suspect description is available at this time.

If you witnessed these incidents or have CCTV or dashcam footage of this incident, please contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225.

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