Stolen Semi Truck – Prolific Offender Arrested

On January 15th, at 10:34 am, Abbotsford Police responded to a report of a stolen semi-truck in eastern Abbotsford. Shortly after, members of the Chilliwack RCMP found the semi-truck in the area of Yale Road and Highway #1. A traffic stop was attempted, but the driver failed to stop for police.

The semi-truck re-entered Abbotsford and was observed by police colliding with another truck and fleeing the accident scene. The driver of the victim's truck was not injured. Given the driving behaviour and heavy fog in the area, a police pursuit did not occur. Shortly after, Citizens observed the semi-truck in the McKee area driving dangerously.

At 11:53, the semi-truck collided with a concrete meridian in the area of Immel Street and Old Clayburn Road and became stuck. The suspect fled on foot. While fleeing, the suspect attempted to steal a new vehicle within a local business complex. Members of the public intervened, and a physical altercation occurred. No citizens were injured. Arriving officers quickly took the suspect into custody.

Rory Serna, 28 years of age from Alberta, has been charged with Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of Stolen Property, Assault, and Drive while Disqualified. Mr. Serna is well known to the police and remains in custody.

"This event outlines the importance of law enforcement partnerships throughout our Province. The AbbyPD is fortunate to have a close working relationship with the Chilliwack RCMP and is appreciative of their support and that of the members of the public who assisted", said Patrol Staff Sergeant Chris Nightingale.

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