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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Incident: Cat Burglaries

**Abbotsford – July 15, 2009.**

The Abbotsford Police Department has achieved some impressive reductions in break and enter incidents in 2009 by partnering with residents and businesses and utilizing targeted policing strategies. A key component of the success is identifying trends at the earliest opportunity.

Over the last week there have been 9 reports of "Cat Burglaries". These are crimes of opportunity as the suspects look for unsecured, unlocked or open areas of homes to gain entry and to steal possessions. These areas include garage doors that are left partially open, open windows protected only by screens, and unlocked doors and windows. The suspects gain entry despite the fact there are occupants in the home or on the property. During warmer weather these opportunities are more prevalent. The Abbotsford Police Department has created a "Summer Home Security Tip" link on their website of [www.abbypd.ca](http://www.abbypd.ca) with some suggestions to improve the safety of your home and property.

We have identified 3 persons of interest for recent "Cat Burglaries". One Abbotsford youth was arrested yesterday for break and enter in connection with one of these incidents and may have been involved in more. The other two persons will be the focus of targeted enforcement.

The Abbotsford Police and the citizens of Abbotsford must remain diligent in our shared objective to keep the city safe.

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*Our Mission:  
To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*