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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Incident: Arrests and Cocaine Seizure near Border

**Abbotsford – September 12, 2009.**

The Abbotsford Police Department was contacted by U.S. Border authorities on Saturday, September 12 just before 11:00 pm. The Border Agents reported that some men had entered the U.S. illegally and had quickly retreated back into Canada. Abbotsford Police Patrol Division members and an Abbotsford Police K9 unit set up containment in the area near 0 Avenue and Mt. Lehman Road and observations were made by the RCMP helicopter Air One and U.S. Border Patrol members.

Police discovered duffle bags containing cocaine packed in brick form (with an estimated street value of \$1.2 million) and a short distance away tracked 2 men who had been in possession of the bags and who had breached the border. Those men were arrested and were held for court.

The two men have each been charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking and Importing a Controlled Substance (one count of each). The accused, Randeep Singh MATCH, 27 years of age and Manindervir Singh VIRK, 21 years of age, are both from Abbotsford. Both men have had previous interactions with police.

Investigation of the incident is now being assisted by IBET – the Integrated Border Enforcement Team.

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