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Incident: Update to Children in Distress in Vehicle Incident

Abbotsford – September 21, 2009.

In the early morning hours of August 1, 2009 the Abbotsford Police Department embarked on an investigation involving a report of a man who left his children unattended in a vehicle while visiting a temporary liquor establishment. A thorough and comprehensive investigation into all of the facts and circumstances of the event has been completed, lead by our Major Crime Unit. As a result of this investigation and through consultation with Crown Counsel the Abbotsford Police Department will not be recommending charges against any person involved in this incident.

Integral to making this determination was the timeline involved, especially with regard to the specific amount of time the children were left alone in the vehicle. The focus of the Abbotsford Police Department in regard to this incident was the safety and well-being of the children. We have provided all relevant information from our investigation to the Ministry for Children and Family Development and we will continue to assist them in any way that we can.

Although this incident did not ultimately meet the threshold of criminal behaviour, it has resulted in on-going intervention on the part of the Ministry for Children and Family Development. The work and supervision by this Ministry will produce assurances for the health and safety of the children involved.

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