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## NEWS RELEASE

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### APD NEWS RELEASE:

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### **Incident: Arrest of Two Men for Drug Trafficking**

**Abbotsford – October 21, 2009.**

At 1:00 pm on Friday October 9, two APD Patrol Division officers were conducting a foot patrol of Ravine Park in an area close to Abbotsford Collegiate High School. This is an area of concern for the Abbotsford Police Department as it is known for drug dealing and open drug use. The members were in this area during school hours with the specific objective of targeting this type of criminal activity that often confronts and involves youth in our community. When the officers emerged from the park they observed a male pacing in front of a residence in the 2500 block of Bourquin Crescent East. A vehicle with two occupants then pulled into the driveway of that residence and the officers observed a drug deal take place. The two officers then took the three men involved in the transaction into custody.

The incident was dynamic in nature and the two police officers had to handle three suspects. They were without the use of their patrol vehicle. During the arrest, one of the officers was forced to take control of the suspects' vehicle as it continued moving after the men exited. People involved in the drug trade are often armed and the arrest of persons during a drug transaction is dangerous.

A 23 year old man from Aldergrove and a 20 year old man from Fort Langley are facing Trafficking charges.

Portions of this incident were captured on video and posted to YouTube by an Abbotsford resident. One of the officers involved in the incident located the video and brought it to the attention of his supervisor on the weekend of October 17. On Monday, October 19 Chief Constable Bob Rich directed our Professional Standards Section to bring the matter to the attention of the Office of the Public Complaints Commissioner to review the use of force aspects of the arrest. A Police Act investigation is underway.

A copy of the video can be found at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_bHUqrlU0s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_bHUqrlU0s) .

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