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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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The Abbotsford Police Department's Beat Squad, Bike Squad and Patrol Division officers worked a two day project, named Project Harvest Moon, which targeted sex trade consumers in Downtown Abbotsford and the Clearbrook corridor. A total of 10 male sex trade consumers ("Johns") were arrested. These men ranged in age from 25 to 76. As further evidence of the potential dangers inherent in the sex trade, our officers also seized weapons and other paraphernalia during the course of this project.

Those arrested will have an opportunity to attend a "John School" program through the John Howard Society that focuses on educating people about the victimization of women involved in the sex trade.

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