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Incident: Abbotsford Police Recover over \$1 Million in Property and Arrest Four

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On Saturday, December 5 just before 7:00 am members of the Abbotsford Police Department's Patrol Division were dispatched to the report of a possible stolen vehicle in the 2300 block of Queen Street. Upon arrival police immediately located a 42 year old man from Abbotsford with a stolen Kenworth dump truck that was still idling. The aluminum box from that dump truck was missing but police located evidence that it was possibly located in a nearby enclosed bay. The truck and the aluminum transfer box had a combined approximate value of \$240,000. Located in close proximity to the truck and to the enclosed bay was a stolen Case back-hoe valued at approximately \$100,000.

On the property police located 3 other persons, 2 female and 1 male. They and the 42 year old were all arrested for Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000. The 21 and 25 year old females and the 38 year old man they were found with are all believed to be associates of the 42 year old. Both of the men have very extensive histories with police in numerous jurisdictions.

As the investigation continued regarding the recovered stolen property, the Crime Reduction Unit of the Abbotsford Police Department became involved. Connections to a second property in the 2500 block of Mt. Lehman Road were established. Extensive searches of both properties produced the recovery of a stolen Acura Integra, another Case back-hoe, a bulldozer, 2 trailers, a John Deere back-hoe, 2 motorcycles, a boat on a trailer and a truck. Estimates of the recovery to this point are in the \$1,000,000 range.

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