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Incident: Abbotsford Police Officer Charged with Assault

Abbotsford – March 1, 2010.

On Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 4:15 am the Abbotsford Police were called to a reported mischief in progress in the 2600 block of Jasper Court. The caller indicated that they heard breaking glass and people yelling. Patrol Division members attended the area and observed two individuals on bicycles. These individuals initially fled from police but were ultimately located and detained as persons possibly involved in the disturbance.

An issue with the use of force utilized by one of the police officers was brought to the attention of Chief Constable Rich. Chief Rich ordered that an investigation of the incident be initiated and he reassigned the officer to an administrative position.

As a result of this investigation, a report to Crown Counsel was prepared by the Abbotsford Police Department's Professional Standards Section. A charge of assault has now been approved by Crown Counsel.

Charged is Cst. Doug Lemna, a 19 year member of the Abbotsford Police Department.

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