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Incident: Abbotsford Police Arrest Suspect for Sex Offence

Abbotsford – May 26, 2010.

On Thursday, May 20, Jeffrey GODDARD, a 20 year old Abbotsford man, was arrested by the Abbotsford Police in regard to some aspects of a relationship he had established with a 14 year boy who also lives in our city. GODDARD has been charged with Invitation to Sexual Touching. Contact with the victim was facilitated through face to face encounters, telephone conversations and through a social networking website. The Major Crime Unit of the Abbotsford Police Department would like anyone with any information about this incident or any other to call 604-859-5225.

The Abbotsford Police would like this incident to serve as a reminder to parents, guardians and the community at large to take steps to safeguard our children. It is important for parents and guardians to know who their children are spending time with, whether that time is spent in person, on the telephone or via the internet. It is also important for people to understand that not everyone is as they appear to be or as they present themselves to be in any of those environments. Bogus social networking identities are often used not just to exploit and extract information but also to corroborate fictitious stories through apparent "friendships". Finally, predators will often use the pretence of positions of authority to gain trust of potential victims and their families. Remember that properly credentialed individuals will not hesitate to provide proof of their identity.

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