

Abbotsford Police Department

2838 Justice Way, Abbotsford, B.C. V2T 3P5 Phone (604)859-5225 Fax (604)859-2527 **Bob Rich** Chief Constable

"Protecting with Pride"

NEWS RELEASE

APD NEWS RELEASE:

APD FILE # 2010 - 29314 RELEASE # 1

DATE OF RELEASE: July 21, 2010

Incident: Abbotsford Optical Store Robbed

Abbotsford - July 21, 2010.

Yesterday afternoon at 3:15 pm an optical store in the 2700 block of Gladwin Road was robbed by a man who displayed a gun in the waistband of his pants. The man demanded that a store employee load hundreds of pairs of glasses into a backpack and a rolling duffel bag. He fled the store and headed southbound on Gladwin Road with the two bags. The retail value of the glasses is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The investigation is being coordinated by the Abbotsford Police Department's Major Crime Unit and forensic and video evidence is still being collected.

The Abbotsford Police are looking for the suspect who was described as a Caucasian man, 5'8" tall, 160 pounds wearing a dark coloured baseball cap, a red bandana around his neck, black mirrored sunglasses, a long sleeved grey or bluish shirt, blue jeans and gloves. Anyone with information is asked to contact 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Cst. lan MacDonald: Phone (604) 864-4721 Abbotsford Police Public Information OfficerCell: (604) 835-6070 2838 Justice Way, Abbotsford, BC V2T 3P5 Fax: (604) 859-2527 E-mail: imacdonald@abbypd.ca

> Our Mission: To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.