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Incident: Wave of Break and Enters hit Abbotsford

Abbotsford – September 2, 2010.

In the last week the city of Abbotsford has seen a significant increase in break and enters. These numbers represent the worst period for this type of crime in recent Abbotsford Police Department Crime Analysis history. This fact is extremely concerning to the Abbotsford Police Department. Over the last 20 months tremendous reductions had been made in various crime categories in Abbotsford but this wave is alarming in both terms of the impact to the victims of these crimes and to the damage it does public safety on the whole.

The recent break and enter wave is community wide. It is not concentrated in one geographical area or hotspot. The time of day and the conditions presented are also extremely varied. The methods employed by the suspects in the break and enters is indicative of multiple persons and groups rather than a small number of prolific targets.

The one common theme during this period is that neighbours and witnesses have in many instances observed the crime in progress or viewed indicators of the crime but didn't contact police in the first instance. The Abbotsford Police would like to encourage members of the community to immediately report suspicious activity when it is observed. If you see a strange vehicle parked in the driveway of a rural property, persons or vehicles in the area that are not associated to any house and don't seem to have a legitimate reason for being there, or a person from outside the neighbourhood riding a bicycle with a backpack and paying unusual attention to homes and vehicles, you should contact us at 604-859-5225.

Home and business owners should be diligent with regard to the safety of their property. Crime Prevention Tips can be found on our website www.abbypd.ca.

A break and enter map and chart are attached to provide more information and insight into the recent trend.

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