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Incident: Jeffrey GODDARD arrested by Abbotsford Police

Abbotsford – October 6, 2010.

This morning at 3:30 am Jeffrey GODDARD was arrested by members of the Abbotsford Police Department's Patrol Division. The arrest was the result of a complaint that was generated on the evening on Tuesday, October 5th. Crown Counsel has approved the Abbotsford Police Department's recommendation of 3 counts of Breach of Recognizance which relate to the May 20, 2010 charge of Invitation to Sexual Touching. GODDARD was also charged with Breach of Recognizance on August 3 and again on August 29 when he was found to have been in the company of persons under the age of 16 and in a recreational facility used by persons under the age of 16.

The circumstances of this arrest are alleged to involve GODDARD using the identity of a fictitious teenage female on a social networking site to arrange meetings and conversations with three 13 year old boys. The boys were quickly introduced to a male relative of that fictitious teenage female (GODDARD using an alias) who had connections to media and could offer opportunities and work. The Abbotsford Police Department investigation further alleges that GODDARD actually located one of the 13 year old boys by observing his full name in a media story.

The Abbotsford Police would like to speak with anyone who has had a similar interaction with GODDARD or who has information about this investigation 604-859-5225.

This incident further demonstrates the need for parents to safeguard their children by knowing who their children's friends are, through monitoring their internet usage (social networking sites in particular) and by talking to them about the potential risks involved in exchanging information with unknown persons.

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