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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## APD NEWS RELEASE:

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Incident: Police Request Information about Explosion and Fire

Abbotsford - November 1, 2010.

On March 21, 2010 at 11:15 pm an explosion and fire emanated from an Abbotsford restaurant in the 33300 block of South Fraser Way. The restaurant had been closed for several hours, however, Christopher Preston the 39 year old owner, was located by police within meters of the building suffering serious injuries from the fire. The incident is still under investigation by the Abbotsford Police Department's Major Crime Unit.

Major Crime detectives have now identified a vehicle of interest that was observed leaving the area moments after the explosion. They believe the driver may have information that can assist the investigation. The vehicle is described as a 1993-1999 silver/gray GMC Jimmy. The vehicle is two-toned with black on the bottom. It is a 4 door model with a sunroof and did not have a spare tire on the tailgate. (Attached is a surveillance footage still picture of the actual vehicle.)

Anyone with information about this vehicle or the March 21<sup>st</sup> incident is asked to call the Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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