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Incident: 5 Robbery Suspects Arrested

Abbotsford – November 25, 2010.

Last night at 9:15 pm Abbotsford Police received a report of a robbery in progress at a gas station – convenience store in the 5600 block of Riverside Road. The suspects were reported to be wearing balaclavas and displaying firearms. The suspects were unable to access the cash register and took only some food items before fleeing the store. Witnesses provided descriptions and updated locations for the suspect vehicle to police. The suspects' vehicle was located by police in the 3400 block of Elkford Drive and 5 suspects were arrested close by. All five will be facing robbery charges. The group consists of 2 adults and 3 youths. One of the adults is a female.

This was the third robbery of its kind this week. On Monday, November 22 at 9:40 pm a video store in the 30500 block of Blueridge Drive was targeted by 5 suspects armed with hand guns. The suspects took electronics and cash. On Tuesday, November 23 at 9:30 pm the group of 5 robbed a restaurant in the 32400 block of George Ferguson Way. The suspects took cash from the register before fleeing. In both incidents the suspects were wearing dark clothing, gloves and their faces were covered with balaclavas. The Abbotsford Police Major Crime Unit is coordinating the investigation of all of these robberies.

Police want to alert businesses of these incidents, particularly those operating during the evening hours, and encourage them to elevate their security levels. Although brazen robberies of this nature are rare, precautions and best security protocols should always be maintained. Proper lighting, adequate numbers of staff in the workplace, sight line visibility through windows and operational security video systems are some basic practices that should be followed. Businesses are encouraged to join Business Watch or contact the Abbotsford Police Community Policing office for more crime prevention information (604-864-4814).

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