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Incident: Abbotsford Priest Charged with Sex Offences

Abbotsford – November 16, 2010.

On March 12, 2010 the Abbotsford Police Department's Patrol Division embarked on an investigation concerning the actions of a priest of a Hindu Temple and a female youth. As the investigation progressed a second female youth came forward and divulged her concerns to police. The Major Crime Unit of the Abbotsford Police Department then also became involved in the investigation. Yesterday the 31 year old man, residing in Abbotsford but a citizen of India, was arrested by Abbotsford Police Major Crime detectives. The man, Karam VIR, has been charged with 2 counts of sexual exploitation and 1 count of sexual assault in relation to incidents involving those young females.

Police cannot preclude the possibility that there may be other victims or that individuals may have information that could launch other important investigations. The Abbotsford Police Department is requesting that anyone with information about these incidents or any other involving the accused, contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225.

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