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Incident: 2 Robberies on Consecutive Nights

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Two Abbotsford businesses were robbed by a group of armed men on consecutive nights this week. On Monday, November 22 at 9:40 pm a video store in the 30500 block of Blueridge Drive was targeted by 5 men armed with hand guns. The suspects took electronics and cash. On Tuesday, November 23 at 9:30 pm the 5 armed men robbed a restaurant in the 32400 block of George Ferguson Way. The men took cash from the register before fleeing.

In both incidents the men were wearing dark clothing, gloves and their faces were covered with balaclavas. Witnesses believe the men are in their 20's and possibly Indo-Canadian. The men were aggressive toward the employees of these businesses and they brazenly displayed their weapons. Fortunately none of the staff was physically harmed during the robberies.

Police want to alert businesses of these incidents, particularly those operating during the evening hours, and encourage them to elevate their security levels. 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).

Anyone with information about these incidents or the persons responsible for them should contact the Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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