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Incident: APD Gang Suppression Makes Significant Arrests

Abbotsford – December 10, 2010.

The Abbotsford Police Department's Gang Suppression Unit has arrested 4 men who are part of a gang that splintered from the Duhre Group. The arrests disrupted an active drug supply line and solved a violent home invasion from early November.

24 year old Aaron SOMERVILLE and 25 year old Matthew SOMERVILLE have each been charged with trafficking in cocaine (Aaron x 1, Matthew x 4). Evidence was gathered for the charges against these Abbotsford men from late October to early December 2010.

22 year old Michael LOPEKE and 23 year old Jared KLADE, also from Abbotsford, have each been charged with 6 offences relating to a November 5, 2010 home invasion robbery that took place in the 33200 block of Robertson Avenue. They are each charged with Robbery with a Firearm x 2, Break and Enter, Unlawful Confinement, Assault with a Weapon and Assault Causing Bodily Harm.

All 4 of these men have been identified as part of a faction that was once loyal to the Duhre Group. These men and several others have now formed their own group. They are all well known to police and have had interactions with law enforcement agencies outside of Abbotsford. This further illustrates the fluctuating nature of gangs and drugs where allegiances are transient and only the quest for money and opportunity is constant.

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