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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Incident: Parents Reminded to Background Check Child Care Providers

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The Abbotsford Police Department has received complaints about an adult male offering babysitting service in the community. The man in his 40's has approached parents and children in parks and other public areas distributing business cards for these services. In one instance a parent told police that she was quite upset that her 8 year old daughter was approached by this man and was given a card.

Parents are advised to exercise diligent reference and background checks before entrusting anyone with the care of their children. Criminal background checks are obtained by conscientious persons regularly. It is completely reasonable for a parent to request that a background check be completed by a child care provider or that proof of the check be produced as part of the interview process.

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