

## **Abbotsford Police Department**

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Incident: Abbotsford Police Officer Charged with Assault

Abbotsford - March 15, 2011.

On September 20, 2009 at 1:20 pm the Abbotsford Police attended a call of a reported theft at a business in the 32700 block of South Fraser Way. A loss prevention staff member was detaining a 37 year old man who was observed shoplifting from the store. Patrol Division officers attended, arrested and took custody of the man. One of the officers applied force to the man post-arrest as he was being escorted from the security office. This use of force was brought to light in April 2010 and separate Police Act and assault investigations were initiated.

The officer involved was placed on administrative duties with the commencement of those investigations. The Abbotsford Police Department's Professional Standards Section completed and forwarded a Report to Crown Counsel in January 2011 which recommended that the officer be charged with assault. Crown Counsel approved that charge this week.

Charged is Cst. Adam Page, a 6 year member of the Abbotsford Police Department.

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