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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Incident: Update – Explosion at the Rain Grill and Bar

**Abbotsford – March 21, 2011.**

Today marks the one year anniversary of the explosion and fire that leveled the Rain Grill and Bar and damaged many other businesses in the area of South Fraser Way and Ware Street. Since that evening, the Abbotsford Police Department's Major Crime Unit has worked diligently on the investigation but has been left wanting for answers and explanations. To date the only person of interest who has been identified is the operator of the business, Christopher PRESTON. We recognize that Mr. PRESTON was very seriously injured as a result of the incident. However, Mr. PRESTON has thus far not provided a statement to investigators despite numerous requests on the part of the Abbotsford Police.

This explosion and fire placed many people at risk and the devastation extended beyond the boundaries of the restaurant itself. We are again appealing to anyone with information to come forward. This appeal extends to Mr. PRESTON, who in our opinion possesses valuable information that he could share.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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