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Incident: Distraught Man Arrested at Elementary School

Abbotsford – April 1, 2011.

Tonight at 7:30 pm the Abbotsford Police received a call that a distraught man armed with a rifle was walking in the area of the 30900 block of Southern Drive toward the grounds of an elementary school. Abbotsford Police Patrol Division members arrived quickly on scene, established a perimeter, alerted people in neighbouring homes and contained the man in an alcove of the school. The police helicopter, Air One, and members of the Municipal Integrated Emergency Response Team in the Armoured Rescue Vehicle also attended the scene.

The man was taken into custody at 9 pm. He is a 31 year old man from Abbotsford with previous mental health related issues in his background. After he was arrested it was determined that the rifle he was brandishing was a pellet gun.

The Abbotsford Police Department is grateful for the assistance of the RCMP Lower Mainland K9 unit and Emergency Response Team members who arrived to assist with this situation. The investigation into the incident is continuing and the man has been taken to receive mental health treatment at this time.

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