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Incident: Update - Reported Shots Fired near Secondary School

Abbotsford – April 11, 2011.

Last Thursday at 11:20 am a group of high school students were walking in the area of Blueridge Drive and Townline Road. They observed a grey Honda Accord turn westbound at that intersection and heard what they thought were gunshots emanating from the vehicle. The students felt the shots were not directed at them or the school but toward an area to the northwest. None of the students were injured and they attended the secondary school and informed staff of the incident. School administrators contacted the Abbotsford Police.

Several Abbotsford Police Patrol Division officers attended the school to speak with the witnesses and began a search for the suspect vehicle. A decision was made to put five schools in the area into lock down in the early stages of this investigation to best ensure the safety of all students and staff. The lock down was lifted approximately an hour after it was implemented.

That evening officers from the Abbotsford Police Department's Patrol Division checked several locations in search of the suspect vehicle and its owner. The vehicle was located at on Siskin Drive and the owner was nearby. That person, 19 year old Narinder GILL was arrested. Charges against GILL have been approved by Crown Counsel and they include: Assault with a Weapon, Using an Imitation Firearm, Possessing a Weapon for Dangerous Purpose and Breach of Recognizance. His vehicle has been seized and is undergoing a search and forensic examination. Should a genuine firearm, or evidence of one, be recovered, the Abbotsford Police will be recommending additional charges.

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