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Incident: Abbotsford Police Crime Reduction Unit puts Huge Dent in Auto Theft

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During the months of February and March 2011 the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) of the Abbotsford Police Department focused its efforts on reducing auto theft by specifically targeting prolific individuals involved in these types of crimes.

The Abbotsford Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit worked closely with CRU to identify a small group of individuals who had close to 200 criminal convictions and were believed to be active in property crime. Through a series of projects over this two month period the majority of those individuals were arrested. In most instances, they were operating stolen vehicles at the time they were apprehended.

The impact on auto theft from the efforts of the Crime Reduction Unit has been both dramatic and lasting. Thefts of autos have declined from peak weeks of 17 and 20 stolen vehicles (late January and early February) to an average of just over 4 stolen vehicles a week since (March 27 onward). These dramatic statistical variations also clearly demonstrate how a few prolific individuals can influence the community's crime rate through their actions alone.

CRU and the Crime Analysis Unit will continue to identify and arrest targets engaged in property crime in Abbotsford.

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