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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Incident: Update - Racially Motivated Assault of 63 Year Old Man**

**Abbotsford – May 5, 2011.**

On Tuesday, April 26 at 5:45 pm a man approached a group of four Indo-Canadian men who were seated on benches in the area of Old Yale Road and Mitchell Street. The man was yelling obscenities and was making derogatory ethnic comments as he moved toward the group. He then produced a liquor bottle and struck one of the men in the face causing the victim to be knocked to the ground. The suspect fled on foot, westbound into the area of DeHavilland Drive. The assault was clearly a racially motivated act of violence and cowardice.

The Abbotsford Police Department's Major Crime Unit and Patrol Division have worked diligently with area residents to identify and locate the suspect. Last night at 8:25 pm, two Abbotsford Police Patrol officers arrested a 29 year old Abbotsford man, with no previous criminal history, in connection to this incident. Police are recommending a charge of assault with a weapon against him and the Report to Crown Counsel will detail the hate bias components of the unprovoked attack.

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