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Incident: Mischief Causes Significant Police Response

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This morning at 1:30 am a private security officer contacted the Abbotsford Police to report that several masked suspects were in the area of a new housing development north of the 27000 block of Fraser Highway. Abbotsford Police and Langley RCMP members attended the area and located 2 vehicles parked roadside. A 17 year old female indicated that her friends had just left one of the vehicles for a bathroom break. During that conversation a loud bang was heard. The sound was suspected by police and area residents to be a gunshot. Shortly after that sound was heard three suspects appeared on the street in front of the officers. Police identified themselves and issued commands to the suspects to raise their hands and to lie on the ground. The suspects disobeyed those commands and fled on foot. A K9 unit was deployed and numerous police officers contained the area.

After a brief search two male suspects, 16 and 17 years of age, were located along with a ski mask and balaclava. Also located were a residence and several vehicles that had been toilet papered and egged. It was later determined that the loud bang was a firecracker.

This incident generated a significant police response. Over a dozen police officers attended and were presented with a situation that offered many risks that accompany the belief that armed suspects are in a residential area and a shot had been fired. The youths, all from Abbotsford, will be facing mischief charges.

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