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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Incident: Abbotsford Police Arrest "Cat Burglar"

Abbotsford – July 11, 2011.

On Friday, July 8, 2011 the Abbotsford Police Department's Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) arrested an 18 year old Abbotsford man for break and enters that related to a series of recent "cat burglary" incidents where jewelry, cash and electronics were stolen. As these types of break and enter presented increased public safety risk with residents being at home when the crime took place, they received high priority by CRU. Through the diligent work of this specialized Abbotsford Police unit and the assistance of officers from our Patrol Division and plainclothes members of our Criminal Investigations Branch, the "cat burglar" was arrested just 5 days after the first incident.

Clayton KOPECK has been charged with 3 counts of break and enter.

Despite this arrest, residents are reminded to continue to secure their doors and windows and to use locking/security devices when leaving windows partially open to regulate temperature and to create better airflow in their homes during the summer months.

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