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Bob Rich
Chief Constable

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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: 2nd Update - Fatal Hit and Run Pedestrian Collision

Abbotsford – July 25, 2011.

Through the course of this investigation the Abbotsford Police Department's Major Crime Unit determined that one of the persons involved in the fatal hit and run incident is an extended family member of an Abbotsford Police Department officer. As a result, Chief Constable Bob Rich requested that the file receive RCMP oversight. Yesterday a decision was made for the Lower Mainland District Regional Police Service and the Surrey RCMP Serious Crime Section to assume complete responsibility for the investigation of the tragedy.

All subsequent investigative and media updates will be provided by Sgt. Peter Thiessen of the RCMP. His contact information is below.

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Below are the First Two News Releases from July 23, 2011:

Late this afternoon a 17 year old male attended the Abbotsford Police Department and identified himself as a passenger of the vehicle involved in the fatal collision. Within an hour, the driver, also a 17 year old male, turned himself in to Abbotsford Police. The damaged vehicle has been located and seized. The driver will be facing criminal charges in relation to the hit and run.

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This morning at 1:25 am the Abbotsford Police received a call of an injured pedestrian on Blueridge Drive, west of Townline Road. Abbotsford Police Patrol division officers arrived on scene, located a severely injured 17 year old male in the roadway, and immediately began CPR compressions on him. The male had left a party a few minutes prior and was walking westbound toward Mt. Lehman Road with a small group of friends. At some point he became separated from that group and was a distance in front of them. Based on debris left near him it was clear that a vehicle collided with him and fled. Despite attempts to save the young man, he succumbed to his injuries in hospital approximately an hour later.

Abbotsford Police Department Major Crime Unit detectives, Collision Reconstructionists, Patrol Division officers and Forensic Identification Unit members are all now investigating.

The Abbotsford Police Department wishes to extend its condolences to the friends and family of this young man. We are working diligently to identify the driver and vehicle involved in this tragic incident. We are appealing to the general public for assistance and information.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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