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APD NEWS RELEASE:

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Incident: APD Major Crime continue Arson Investigation

Abbotsford – August 10, 2011.

At 1:15 am on August 3, 2011 a fire was reported at a gym located in the 33000 block of South Fraser Way. The building was extensively damaged but fortunately no persons were injured. Based on evidence gathered from the scene and witness statements that have been obtained, this fire has been deemed to be arson. The Abbotsford Police Department's Major Crime Unit is continuing to investigate.

Major Crime detectives are now seeking additional witnesses to this incident. The business is located in a high traffic area for pedestrians and vehicles and is situated near several condominium developments so it is likely that there are additional witnesses who have not yet made contact with police. We are encouraging anyone with information about this arson to contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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