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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Incident: Abbotsford Police Investigate the Sale of Fraudulent Concert Tickets

Abbotsford – September 13, 2011.

The Abbotsford Police Department has received numerous reports in the last 3 days concerning the purchase of concert tickets that where determined to be fraudulent when the buyers attended the event. All of the purchasers located the tickets on a social networking site and met the seller in person at different public locations in the city to complete the exchange. In some instances the seller provided alleged "proof" of the legitimacy of the electronic tickets by showing a credit card receipt. Buyers spent up to \$500 per transaction for the bogus tickets.

Investigators have received suspect and vehicle descriptions and are working to identify the persons involved. The transactions took place between March 7, 2011 and September 10, 2011 and it is believed that these fraudulent tickets were being sold in other parts of the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland as well.

Anyone with information about these incidents should call Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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