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Incident: Abbotsford Police begin Marihuana Enforcement Project

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The Abbotsford Police Department has launched a new initiative – the Marihuana Enforcement Project - aimed at continuing to make the city a lousy place for gangsters and drug dealers to live and ply their trade. The APD will now focus Patrol Division resources, under the guidance and leadership of a Drug Enforcement Unit member, toward eliminating illegal marihuana grow operations in the community. These grow operations present many public safety risks and provide financing for gangs and organized crime. The product and the profit obtained through grow operations is often exchanged for harder drugs, weapons and used to feed the expansion of the criminal group.

As with our previous anti-gang endeavours, the success of the Marihuana Enforcement Project is dependent on the support of the community. We want to ensure that citizens have options to share their concerns with the APD about grow operations in their neighbourhood or any information they may have which will further this public safety initiative. People interested in making contact with the Abbotsford Police can contact our non-emergency number 604-859-5225, attend our front counter at 2838 Justice Way in person, or access our website www.abbypd.ca and anonymously report a crime directly to the APD or to Crime Stoppers (1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca). For more information about grow operations you can visit <http://www.abbypd.ca/Grow-Ops-and-Drug-Labs> .

The city of Abbotsford is safe. The APD, civic leaders and the citizens of Abbotsford have worked hard to make it even safer over the last few years, but our work is not done. We anticipate the Marihuana Enforcement Project to be just one of many efforts on our continued path toward becoming the safest city in British Columbia.

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*Our Mission:
To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*