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## NEWS RELEASE

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### APD NEWS RELEASE:

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### Incident: APD Arrest Robber, Machete Attacker and Border Jumpers

**Abbotsford – November 21, 2011.**

On Thursday, November 17 at 2:00 pm a female entered a store in the 2600 block of Montrose Street demanding cash from the owner of the business. The woman brandished a syringe and fled the store on foot after obtaining a small amount of money. Abbotsford Police Patrol Division officers descended on the area and conducted searches for the suspect. A taxi was stopped in the 33500 block of South Fraser Way and a female was taken into custody. 35 year old Maria MANTLER has been charged with robbery.

On Sunday, November 20 at 12:00 noon two young men, 16 and 17 years of age, became involved in a dispute about a repair to an off road vehicle on a property in the 5000 block of Lefevre Road. The argument resulted in the 16 year old striking the 17 year old in the hand with a machete. The 17 year old was treated in hospital and APD patrol officers located the 16 year old suspect near the 1600 block of Bradner Road. That youth is facing charges of assault with a weapon.

Later that night, at 7:40 pm, the Abbotsford Police were contacted by US Border Patrol advising of numerous persons attempting to cross into Canada in the area of Ross Road and 0 Avenue. US officers had located a vehicle with four occupants on their side of the border and indicated that two others had likely made their way across. APD patrol officers and a K9 unit began a search for the pair. Two men, 24 and 35 years of age were located near a residence in the 29000 block of 0 Avenue. The men spoke limited English, were of South Asian descent and had quantities of US cash in their possession. Both men were held by APD for the Canadian Border Services Agency.

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