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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## APD NEWS RELEASE:

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**Incident: 3 Injured in Early Morning Disputes** 

Abbotsford: December 10, 2011

Just after midnight this morning a party in a rural area of east Abbotsford was interrupted by the arrival of a group of unwanted guests. The attendees and this group engaged in conflict that culminated with someone releasing bear or pepper spray. The Abbotsford Police were called and some youths, attendees and the uninvited, dispersed from the area in vehicles.

Unfortunately, this did not conclude the dispute. At 1:45 am a group of males met in Clearbrook Park in central Abbotsford. The result of that conflict was a 19 year old man was struck with a blunt object and suffered a head wound requiring hospitalization. Abbotsford police officers were investigating that incident when a caller reported that a group was chasing someone in the area of the Discovery Trail Park off of Clearbrook Road. Upon police attendance there, a 17 year old male was located suffering from a very serious head injury. That young man required immediate medical attention and remains in serious condition. Later in hospital, another 17 year old male was identified as suffering a slash type injury to his abdomen, which reportedly occurred at the house party.

Abbotsford Police Department Major Crime detectives, Patrol Division officers, Forensic Identification Unit members and Traffic Section and Counter Attack resources have been utilized for this investigation. Although many aspects of the incident are not yet known, what is clear is that this was not a random incident as all of the parties involved are known to each other.

The Abbotsford Police Department is in the early stages of the investigation. Evidence gathering and interviews are continuing. Anyone with information is directed to call APD at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477

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