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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Ecstasy Overdose – Warning to Teens & Parents

Abbotsford:

Shortly after 9:00 p.m. on December 19, 2011, four teenaged girls at a sleepover in Abbotsford began taking ecstasy. Later that night, and in the early morning hours of December 20th (2:45 a.m.), one of the girls began having a negative reaction and became unresponsive. The B.C. Ambulance Service attended the scene and transported the teen to hospital where she remained in critical condition until December 22nd when sadly, she passed away. The three others girls, who did not experience the same reaction, were treated as a precaution in hospital and released later that day.

Investigators believe that the death of 17-year-old Cheryl McCormack is connected to the use of ecstasy as a weight loss or weight control drug.

The Abbotsford Police Department would like to extend their condolences to Cheryl's family and friends during this extremely difficult time. The family has requested privacy but have supplied a photo and consented to the release of the name as they recognize the importance of accuracy in dealing with this tragic incident. They and the APD want to warn teens and parents about the inherent dangers of consuming illicit drugs for any reason.

The investigation is continuing and the Abbotsford Police Department is seeking to identify the supplier and source of the ecstasy. Anyone with information should call APD at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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