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## NEWS RELEASE

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### APD NEWS RELEASE:

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### Update - Abbotsford Police Department to Investigate Williams Lake Incident

**Abbotsford – March 7, 2012.**

The Abbotsford Police Department's investigation of the incident that took place in Williams Lake on September 10, 2011 has concluded. The incident involved the arrest of a 17 year old girl. That girl sustained injuries while in the custody of the Williams Lake RCMP. After a thorough examination of the totality of the circumstances, the Abbotsford Police are recommending a charge of assault against a member of the Williams Lake RCMP detachment. No charges are being recommended against the 17 year old girl.

This was an extremely challenging incident to investigate. The pivotal contact between the police officer and the girl took place in the confines of the rear seat of a patrol car. That rear seat and the area around the vehicle were in darkness. The accounts offered by the officer and the girl differed. However, after reviewing all of the available evidence, the Abbotsford Police Department has forwarded the report to Regional Crown Counsel in Prince George for charge approval consideration.

### Below is the initial News Release of September 29, 2011:

The Abbotsford Police Department (APD) has assumed investigative responsibility for an incident that took place in Williams Lake on September 10, 2011, at the request of the RCMP. The incident involved the Williams Lake RCMP response to 911 calls which culminated in the arrest of a 17 year old girl. The totality of the incident will be investigated by members of the Professional Standards Section of the Abbotsford Police Department.

The family of this 17 year old girl have been contacted and advised that all aspects of the incident will be thoroughly and independently investigated by the Abbotsford Police. Investigators from APD will be arriving in Williams Lake shortly.

It is not expected that there will be updates prior to the conclusion of the investigation, however, all inquires should be directed to the Abbotsford Police Department.

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