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Incident: APD Arrest Concert Ticket Fraudster

Abbotsford – May 2, 2012.

The Abbotsford Police Department received several reports in April 2012 from disappointed concert goers who had purchased bogus tickets from sellers advertising on Craigslist. A Major Crime Detective, responsible for fraud investigation, initiated a small "sting" project in response to these incidents. In late April he contacted an individual who was offering to sell tickets to an upcoming concert. He obtained information from the seller concerning the tickets and arranged for a meeting to exchange cash for the tickets. Yesterday, a 24 year old Abbotsford man presented fake tickets to plainclothes Abbotsford Police officers. He was arrested and will face fraud charges. The APD detective will be continuing the investigation to determine if this same man can be connected with one or more of the ticket frauds reported by citizens.

The Abbotsford Police Department continues to remind consumers to exercise caution when purchasing ticket and other items from people they do not know. However, today in addition to suggesting that buyers need to "beware", we are warning bogus ticket sellers and other fraudsters that their next customer may be an Abbotsford Police detective.

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