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Incident: Update - Mall Jewelry Store Robbery

Abbotsford – June 14, 2012.

A short time after Tuesday's jewelry store robbery, the Abbotsford Police located the vehicle used by the suspect to flee from the scene. It was abandoned in the 2600 block of Alliance Street. The black 1981 Pontiac Grand Prix had been reported stolen earlier that day.

Abbotsford Police believe that witnesses may have observed the suspect and the vehicle in the area of Walsh Avenue and Ware Street just after the robbery. In addition, security video from the area shows two near miss collisions involving the black Grand Prix and witness vehicles in the area of Walsh Avenue and Alliance Street just before the suspect parked and abandoned the car.

Abbotsford Police Major Crime Detectives are appealing to those witnesses to come forward and assist with this investigation.

Anyone with information about this robbery should contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Initial Release of June 12

This morning at 11:10 am a man entered a jewelry store in a shopping centre mall located in the 32900 block of South Fraser Way. The man was wearing a hoodie and had concealed his face prior to entering the store. He produced a rock and a handgun and smashed a glass display in order to remove some of the contents. The suspect then immediately ran from the store and was observed getting into an older model black domestic sedan before leaving the parking lot. Abbotsford Police located some discarded clothing and a replica handgun in the area.

Officers of the Abbotsford Police Department's Patrol Division, Forensic Identification Unit and Major Crime Unit Detectives are diligently working to locate and identify the suspect. There were numerous witnesses to the robbery and security video is also being obtained to further the investigation.

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