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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Incident: Abbotsford Police Arrest Man for Child Pornography

#### Abbotsford – June 22, 2012.

In March 2012 the Abbotsford Police Department's Major Crime Unit began investigating an Abbotsford man who had been using the internet and communicating over social media and via chat rooms in order to obtain and exchange child pornography. Unbeknownst to the man, some of these conversations were with law enforcement officers.

On June 20, 2012 at 10:00 am 48 year old Donald Kenneth PETNE was arrested by APD detectives. A search warrant was executed in the hours that followed and evidence including electronic devices was seized.

On June 21, 2012 Crown Counsel approved 6 charges against PETNE which include the distribution and publication of child pornography.

This investigation was the result of collaborative efforts of the Abbotsford Police and our law enforcement partners. Police, regardless of their jurisdiction, will work together to combat crimes like these against children, which take place in the vast landscape that is the internet.

We hope that this incident serves as a reminder to parents that internet safety is imperative as there are individuals seeking to target children. We also believe this is a further illustration that people you meet via the internet, in chat rooms and on social media sites may not be who they seem.

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