



# Abbotsford Police Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### APD NEWS RELEASE:

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### **Incident: Update - Purse Snatching Robbery of 85 Year Old Woman**

The Abbotsford Police Department is seeking to identify a person of interest in the July 22nd purse snatching robbery incident. The attached image was obtained from the TD Canada Trust's security video. Anyone with information about the incident or the identity of this young man is asked to call Detective Demers at 604-835-1261 or Detective Lane at 604-835-0429.



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**Initial Release of July 23, 2012.**

On Sunday, July 22 at 12:45 pm an 85 year old woman attended the TD Canada Trust located in the 32800 block of South Fraser Way. She made a withdrawal and exited the bank. She drove a short distance and parked her car on Eagle Street. As the woman exited her vehicle a suspect rapidly approached and grabbed her purse. The woman was pushed and the suspect ran away. Residents in an apartment complex heard screams for help and attended to the victim and called police.

Abbotsford Police Patrol Division officers and a K9 unit searched the area. The suspect was not located. At least one witness observed a person matching the suspect's description heading toward the area of Mill Lake and the Bourquin Bus Exchange.

It is possible that the suspect observed the victim at the bank, followed her and waited for an opportunity to rob her after she parked her car.

The suspect is described as:

- A Caucasian man 18-20 years of age
- Clean shaven
- 5'8" tall
- Wearing black hoodie and possibly a dark coloured baseball cap

The Abbotsford Police Department is requesting the public's assistance with this investigation. Anyone with information about the incident or the identity of the suspect is asked to contact Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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