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Incident: Thieves Steal Bees and Honey worth \$100,000

Abbotsford – July 30, 2012.

On Thursday, July 26 an Abbotsford bee keeper attended one of his hive locations in the 27600 block of 0 Avenue. Upon inspection he discovered that almost 100 hive frames had been removed along with the bees and honey. An estimated 8,000 pounds of honey was taken along with approximately 500,000 bees. The total value of the economic loss is \$100,000. Obviously this theft required equipment and expertise as dealing with this number of bees and hives can be dangerous.

The hives were not tended to on a daily basis by the bee keeper. In fact he had last inspected the location in early July. The hives were located away from the roadway and would not be easily observed by passersby. That said it is possible that someone observed some aspect of the theft which may have occurred between July 7 and July 26. Because of the need for equipment and transportation it is likely someone observed the removal of the hive frames, bees and honey.

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

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