

## **Abbotsford Police Department**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## APD NEWS RELEASE:

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Incident: Break and Enter Suspect Sought

**Abbotsford**: Abbotsford Police are on the search for a suspect who broke into a home, struck a police cruiser and produced a handgun to steal another vehicle.

Yesterday at 5:00 p.m. Abbotsford Police were called to a rural residence in the 30000 block of Nicholson Rd. (north Abbotsford) in response to a male breaking into a home. When officers arrived at the property the suspect fled in a pickup (later determined to be stolen from Burnaby) and struck a police vehicle parked at the end of the driveway before fleeing south on Mt. Lehman Rd. Minutes later police deployed a spike belt however the pickup continued south where it was involved in a crash with another vehicle at Mt. Lehman Rd. and Cardinal Avenue. The suspect produced a handgun at that location forcing a woman out of her Toyota Corolla before fleeing in it westbound on the Trans-Canada Highway. No one was seriously injured. Attempts to locate the vehicle throughout the evening were unsuccessful.

The suspect is described as a Caucasian male in his 20's or 30's wearing a dark coloured hoodie. He was last seen driving a 2006 grey Toyota Corolla with B.C. license plate 726 PHL. If located, please call your local police.

The Abbotsford Police Major Crime Unit is continuing its investigation. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225 or Crimestopers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

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