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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Update - Public Assistance Requested in Sexual Assault Investigation

Abbotsford – February 21, 2012

The Abbotsford Police Department has received numerous tips and information concerning the sexual assault that took place on February 2, 2012 in downtown Abbotsford. A particularly intriguing piece of information that has been received by Major Crime detectives is that a South Asian man wearing a jewelry item similar to a military style "dog tag" around his neck, may have been frequenting the Homeview Street and Pauline Street areas in that same time frame (example image below). It is believed that this man may have some connection to the incident or may have knowledge of it. As a result, we are requesting the public's assistance now to identify this man.

Anyone with information about this man's identity or information about the February 2nd incident should call the Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



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Initial News Release of February 4, 2012 below:

On Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm a 19 year old woman was walking in the area of Pauline and Homeview Streets in the downtown area of Abbotsford. She observed a newer model white pick-up truck pass her twice as she made her way eastbound toward a bus stop. Inside the truck were two South Asian men. As the woman approached the intersection of Pauline and Laurel Streets, the passenger exited the truck and grabbed the woman and pushed her into the rear seat of the vehicle. The driver parked the truck a short distance away and both men sexually assaulted her. The victim was pushed out of the truck and onto the ground at the conclusion of the sexual assaults. She noted that she was in a parking lot in the area of the 34000 block of Gladys Avenue.

The severely traumatized victim made her way home and did not disclose the incident until the next day. The Major Crime Unit of the Abbotsford Police Department is now investigating the incident.

Composite sketches have been completed of the suspects.

The suspect descriptions are as follows:

Driver – South Asian man, late 20's, thin build, 5'10", clean shaven, short black hair, wearing a dark jacket and blue t-shirt.

Passenger – South Asian man, late 20's to early 30's, heavy build, 5'11" to 6'0", short dark hair with a full beard, wearing a yellow shirt, grey hoodie and tear away track pants.

*Also of note was that the victim heard both men communicating to each other in Punjabi.

Anyone with information about this investigation, or the identity of the suspects involved, should call the Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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