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NEWS RELEASE

APD NEWS RELEASE:

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Incident: Tragic One Year Anniversary – Body Located on Side of Riverside Rd

Today marks the tragic one year anniversary of the discovery of Shaminderjeet BRAR's body on the side of Riverside Road. The Abbotsford Police Department's investigation into Sham BRAR's death continues. To date, we have not received information that explains the circumstances that contributed to her death, although the possibility she was struck by a passing vehicle remains a viable theory.

The Abbotsford Police Department is again appealing for anyone with information about the incident to call police. The time frame of Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 8:00 pm to the early morning hours of Monday, February 18, 2013 remains of particular interest to investigators. This time frame encompasses the actions and activities of Sham BRAR up to and including her death. The APD encourages individuals to come forward with any tips or details and no information should be considered insignificant. We need to find answers to this tragedy for the sake of the family and the community.

Persons with information should call the APD at 604-859-5225 or text us at 222973 (abbypd).



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Release of February 21, 2013

The Abbotsford Police Department has confirmed the identity of the 34 year old woman who was found on the side of Riverside Road on Monday as Shaminderjeet Kaur BRAR. Shaminderjeet BRAR was reported missing to the APD on February 12, 2013.

As a result of the continuing Major Crime Unit investigation into the tragic death, it has been determined that BRAR was last observed on Saturday, February 16 at around 8:00 pm. That witness sighting, shortens our timeframe for the collision to between 8:00 pm Saturday and the early morning hours of Monday, February 18.

Shaminderjeet BRAR was wearing a reddish pink hoodie, blue jeans and white runners (photo of similar hoodie attached). We are attempting to create a timeline of events involving BRAR and are appealing to anyone who had contact with her from February 10 onward to call the Abbotsford Police at 604-859-5225. In addition, we continue our request for information regarding any sightings of pedestrians and observations of that area on Riverside Road where BRAR was ultimately located. To this point we have received several tips from the public and we do not consider any information to be insignificant in this very significant and tragic loss of life.



Release of February 20

The Major Crime Unit of the Abbotsford Police Department continues to investigate this tragic death. Since the discovery of the body on Monday, additional evidence has been obtained. The victim has been identified as a 34 year old South Asian woman from Abbotsford. Her body displayed significant injuries to her rear torso area which are consistent with an impact from a motor vehicle.

We have not yet had an opportunity to notify the next of kin and therefore we will not be naming the victim at this time. We offer our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Given the conditions and temperature of the location in which she was found, it is possible that death could have occurred in the preceding days. For that reason we are appealing to witnesses and area residents for any information concerning the victim or the location in which she was discovered on Riverside Road from Friday, February 15 to Monday, February 18.

Finally, we believe the driver of the vehicle involved in the collision, and possibly the other occupants in it, would have been aware of an impact during that timeframe. That collision has resulted in a tragedy that is amplified by the fact that the family must wait for answers. The driver and any passengers must immediately contact the Abbotsford Police to provide their recollection of events for the benefit of all parties involved.

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The Initial Release of February 18

This morning at 10:15 am a passerby located the body of a deceased female in an area off Riverside Road near King Road in Abbotsford. Members of the Abbotsford Police Department's Patrol Division, Major Crime Unit and Forensic Identification Unit all attended the scene and an investigation into the incident commenced.

The Abbotsford Police Department will be consulting with the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) to determine the ultimate investigative responsibility for the file.

Updates will be provided when more details are available.

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