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NEWS RELEASE

APD NEWS RELEASE:

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Incident: Distraught Man Taken into Custody by APD

Abbotsford –April 16, 2014

This afternoon at 2:14 pm the Abbotsford Police Department received 911 calls reporting a man yelling and brandishing a large knife outside a building in the 33900 block of Essendene Avenue in downtown Abbotsford. APD officers arrived on scene and attempted to communicate with the man but he refused to comply with their commands. Less lethal force options were ultimately deployed by officers. This resulted in the man being subdued and taken into custody. The 57 year old man has been transported to hospital to receive treatment and a mental health assessment.

The Abbotsford Police Department is continuing to investigate this incident which took place in a busy downtown environment. We would like to appeal to all witnesses to come forward. A number of witnesses were observed with smartphones in hand and the APD is requesting a copy of images and video of the incident to ensure that our investigation is complete and comprehensive.

Anyone with information about this incident should call the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or text 222973 (abbypd).

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