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NEWS RELEASE

APD NEWS RELEASE:

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Incident: Update to APD Investigating Assault in 5400 Block of Olund Road

Abbotsford – June 23, 2014

Two men have been arrested in relation to the Olund Road incident. 31 year old Christopher John DUERKSEN and 24 year Stuart Matthew FORREST have been charged with Aggravated Assault, Robbery and Kidnapping. It is alleged that both of these men attacked the victim, bound and forced him into a nearby wooded area. Abbotsford Police Department investigators believe this was a targeted act as one of the accused knows the victim.

The 28 year old victim continues to recover in hospital. He suffered injuries to his face and head. The injuries to the victim could have been a great deal worse if the "suspicious circumstances" hadn't been immediately reported by witnesses and if APD officers didn't locate the bound and injured man as quickly as they did.

APD Major Crime Unit detectives, Forensic Identification Unit members and Patrol Division officers worked diligently through the weekend arresting DUERKSEN on Saturday and FORREST on Sunday.

News Release of June 21, 2014

On Friday, June 20 at 9:20 pm the Abbotsford Police attended a farm in the 5400 block of Olund Road to investigate a reported "suspicious circumstances" incident. At that location, APD officers found evidence of a struggle on the property. Police officers, a K9 unit and a police helicopter were used to search the area. An injured man in his 20's was located nearby. He was transported to hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The Major Crime Unit of the Abbotsford Police Department has now assumed responsibility for the assault investigation.

The victim, who has had no negative contacts with police, and witnesses have been completely cooperative with investigators.

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Anyone with information about this incident should contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or text 222973 (abbypd) or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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