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Incident: Two Assaults in Mill Lake Park

Abbotsford – June 25, 2014

On Monday, June 9, 2014 at 3:00 pm, a 26 year old man was riding his bike into the northwest portion of Mill Lake Park. He stopped to have a cigarette near 3 young males who were also smoking. One of them asked him for a cigarette and then demanded all of his cigarettes. This quickly escalated into an unprovoked attack on the man who was struck multiple times, possibly even with a skateboard. A knife was produced by one of the 3 suspects and the victim suffered wounds to his hands in an attempt to block the blade. The victim rode a short distance away and called police. He was treated in hospital for scrapes, cuts and bruises that resulted from the altercation.

On Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 5:00 am, a 39 year old man was riding his bike in the 2500 block of Gladwin Road and entered Mill Lake Park via a gravel path. The man was approached by 3 young males who demanded that he give them his bike. When the man refused, the 3 suspects began assaulting him. Although the victim did not observe a knife during the altercation, he suffered injuries consistent with shallow stab wounds.

In both incidents the descriptions of the suspects were limited apart from observations that the males were Caucasian, appeared to be in their early 20's and wore "skater" type clothing. Nonetheless, the similarity between the incidents and the locations is enough to cause concern. The Abbotsford Police Department investigation of both assaults is continuing.

Anyone with information about these incidents should contact the APD at 604-859-5225, text us at 222973 (abbypd), or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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