



# Abbotsford Police Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### APD NEWS RELEASE:

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### Incident: Update to Body Located near Bevan Avenue and Emerson Street

**Abbotsford – December 16, 2014**

The Abbotsford Police Department has been working closely with the BC Coroner's Service since the discovery of a deceased 36-year-old woman in Mill Lake Park in the early morning hours of Sunday, July 30, 2014. The deceased was a Mission resident who had recently moved to British Columbia. She was in regular contact with out-of-province family and lived in a home with her two dogs. Unfortunately she also used compressed gas to get high. In fact, six cans of computer cleaner or "dusters" were located close to her body when she was found.

According to the coroner, she died of a fatal exposure to difluoroethane gas.

Compressed gas dusters (see photo) and similar products used to clean keyboards and electronic equipment are not just "canned air", they contain chemicals such as tetrafluoroethane or difluoroethane which can have devastating effects on the lungs, central nervous system and brain when inhaled.



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The APD offers our condolences to the family and friends of this woman. We also feel that it is important to share her cause of death as a prevention message to others. This story and this topic are important for our community and for every family in it.

**Initial News Release of July 30, 2014**

This morning at 5:55 am, an individual was walking their dog in the area of Bevan Avenue and Emerson Street. They located a deceased female in a wooded area near that intersection. Abbotsford Police Department Patrol Division officers arrived on scene and were eventually joined by Major Crime Unit detectives and Forensic Identification Section members.

At this point, the APD are in the early stages of investigation and attempting to determine if there is anything suspicious about the death. More details will be provided later in the investigation.

Anyone with information should contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or text us at 222973 (abbypd).

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