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Incident: APD Arrest Suspected Car Thief in Maple Ridge

Abbotsford – June 19, 2015

On Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 4:10 pm, an Abbotsford Police officer observed a 2006 Suzuki Grand Vitara in the area of Trafalgar and Horn Streets in Abbotsford. A check of the vehicle's license plate determined that the vehicle had been stolen from Langley two days earlier. The officer observed a male in the driver's seat and a female in the passenger's seat.

Members of the APD's Crime Reduction Unit then covertly followed the vehicle as it travelled from Abbotsford through Mission and on to Maple Ridge. Near 100th Avenue in Maple Ridge, the APD officers lost sight of the vehicle. However, they observed the male driver riding a bicycle in the area. A bicycle had been observed in the rear cargo area of the Suzuki.

APD officers activated their emergency equipment in an attempt to stop the male suspect but he continued fleeing police, first on the bicycle and eventually on foot. Ultimately officers caught up to the man and a struggle ensued. During the struggle he brandished a knife. He was eventually handcuffed and taken into custody. The suspect identified himself and it was determined that he was a 29-year-old from Abbotsford who was wanted on a Canada Wide Parole Revocation Warrant. Despite being initially responsive, the man began to lose consciousness and was transported to hospital. The man received treatment in hospital overnight for a suspected reaction to street drug in his system. He was ultimately transferred into the custody of Corrections. The APD has recommended charges of Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000, Obstruction, Assault of a Peace Officer with a Weapon and Carrying a Concealed Weapon against the man.

The female passenger was located at a Maple Ridge residence near 100th Avenue and 264th Street. She was arrested for Possession of Stolen Property over \$5000. She is a

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27-year-old from Maple Ridge. The stolen vehicle was found abandoned with the engine running in the 25700 block of 100th Avenue.

An APD officer involved in the arrest received treatment in hospital for multiple minor cuts to both arms and legs.

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