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Incident: Suspected Fentanyl Overdose Death

Abbotsford – July 10, 2015

On Wednesday, June 30, 2015, at 2:40 am the Abbotsford Police Department received a 911 call from a central Abbotsford home. A family member found a woman in her midtwenties unresponsive on the floor. Attempts to resuscitate the victim failed and she was pronounced dead at scene.

Abbotsford Police Department investigators learned that the woman occasionally used both street and prescription drugs. Preliminary tests have indicated that Methylfentanyl was found in her system and is a likely contributing factor in her death. The victim may have used Methylfentanyl believing it to be heroin. Methylfentanyl is an analog of Fentanyl but is many times more potent and dangerous.

The Abbotsford Police Department extends condolences to the family and friends of this woman. They continue to struggle with their loss but support the APD's efforts to inform the public and warn others in the hope that future tragedies can be avoided.

This is the second Fentanyl warning issued by the APD in 2015. Our previous warning was distributed on May 20, 2015.

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