

# **Abbotsford Police Department**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **APD NEWS RELEASE:**

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Incident: Charge Update to Fatal Collision on Mt. Lehman Road

Abbotsford - June 1, 2016

Today, 39-year-old Kerry James FROESE was charged in relation to this fatal collision. After an extensive investigation by the Abbotsford Police Department's Major Crime Unit, a criminal code charge of Failing to Remain at the Scene of an Accident Causing Death was secured. APD investigators hope that with the announcement of the charge, people with information will come forward and do the right thing. This incident resulted in the tragic death of 61-year-old Ronald James SCOTT (see photo).



Anyone with information is asked to call the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225, text us at 222973 (abbypd) or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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#### News Release of June 18, 2015:

On Thursday, January 29, 2015, just after 11:00 pm, 61-year-old Ronald James SCOTT of Abbotsford was killed while riding his bicycle in the 2000 block of Mt. Lehman Road. A vehicle collided with SCOTT and the driver fled the scene.

On Wednesday, June 10, 2015, the Abbotsford Police Department located the suspect vehicle involved in that fatal collision. A grey 2013 Ford Expedition was discovered at a property in the 28600 block of Huntingdon Road. APD investigators have also identified a person of interest with connections to the vehicle. This individual has declined to provide a statement to police.

APD Major Crime detectives are now asking for potential witnesses to view images of the vehicle and to call police with any information that could assist with the pre and/or post collision timelines. It is likely that someone may have observed the vehicle and driver prior to the tragic collision. It is also possible that someone might have observed the vehicle after the crash or has some information about it.





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### Initial Release of January 30, 2015:

On Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 11:20 pm, the Abbotsford Police Department was called to the 2000 block of Mt. Lehman Road where a bicyclist had been severely injured. APD officers arrived on scene along with BC Ambulance staff but regrettably the male cyclist was pronounced dead at scene.

The victim, believed to be 40-60 years of age, was travelling southbound and was struck by an unknown vehicle that was travelling in the same direction. Given the amount of traffic in the area, it is likely that the collision took place only minutes before the APD received the call from the passers-by.

The driver of the vehicle involved in the fatal crash did not remain on scene. APD investigators have gathered evidence and are appealing to witnesses, and the driver, to come forward.

Police are still working to positively identify the victim and notify his family.

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