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NEWS RELEASE

APD NEWS RELEASE:

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Incident: Update to Attempt Abduction

Abbotsford – September 19, 2016

The Abbotsford Police have arrested a 24-year-old man in relation to this incident. We believe this arrest was the result of the media and public attention that was received. Specifically, the APD would like to thank the Global TV News crew who provided vital information while working in Abbotsford yesterday concerning the suspect and suspect vehicle.

We continue our appeal for the Good Samaritan to come forward to speak to investigators.

Initial Release of September 18, 2016, 2016:

On Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 5:15 PM, a 16-year-old girl was waiting at a bus stop on Old Yale Road near Mitchell Street. A male suspect drove past the girl several times in a van. Eventually, the suspect parked the van and approached the girl on foot. He attempted to try to entice her with offers of liquor and a ride to work. When the girl refused, the suspect grabbed her by the arm and attempted to pull her in the direction of his parked vehicle. The victim resisted and, thankfully, a male passerby became involved and yelled at the suspect causing the suspect to flee. The passerby then sat with the victim until her bus arrived.

The suspect is described as a Caucasian male in his 20's with medium-length brown hair and a mustache. He stood 5'5" tall with a medium build and had a teardrop tattoo under his eye. The suspect was wearing a black baseball cap, black shirt, black baggy pants and work boots.

The suspect vehicle is described a dark red or burgundy, early 2000's van similar to a Ford Winstar or Dodge Caravan.

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Abbotsford Police Department investigators would like to speak to the Good Samaritan passerby who intervened and assisted the victim. Not only were his actions, commendable, we feel he may be able to provide important information to us as a witness.

Anyone with information about this incident, suspect or the suspect vehicle should contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or text us at 222973 (abbypd) or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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