



# Abbotsford Police Department

2838 Justice Way, Abbotsford, B.C. V2T 3P5 Phone (604)859-5225 Fax (604)859-2527

*Bob Rich*  
Chief Constable

*"Protecting with Pride"*

---

## NEWS RELEASE

---

### APD NEWS RELEASE:

APD FILE # 2016 - 10089

RELEASE # 2

DATE OF RELEASE: March 14, 2016

### **Incident: UPDATE: Shots Fired on Hawthorne Ave**

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team [IHIT] has now taken conduct of this investigation and is working in partnership with the Abbotsford Police Department. Please see below for the IHIT news release.

Anyone with information about this incident should call the IHIT Tip Line at 1-877-551-4448 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Subsequent information about this investigation will be provided by IHIT.

### **Abbotsford: Abbotsford Shooting now a Homicide Investigation**

On Thursday, March 10, at 9:21 p.m. the Abbotsford Police Department received calls reporting shots fired in the 33300 block of Hawthorne Avenue. When officers arrived at the residence they found two men in their early twenties suffering from gunshot wounds. Both men sustained serious injuries and were immediately transported to hospital by BC Ambulance Service (BCAS).

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team has now taken conduct of this investigation and is working in partnership with the Abbotsford Police Department. While the exact motive is unclear at this time, it is believed that this incident is as a result of the ongoing Townline Road conflict.

*Our Mission:*  
*To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*

One of the men injured in this incident sustained fatal wounds and is not expected to survive his injuries, therefore, this incident is now being investigated as a homicide and IHIT has taken conduct. Another man injured in this incident remains in hospital in critical but stable condition.

Understandably, the victim's family members are trying to process the tragedy and loss they are forced to deal with. While the victim and family will not be identified they have asked to provide a brief message to the community of Abbotsford. The message they wish to give is simply for the violence to stop. "The family are urging those individuals wrapped up in this conflict to stop as they do not want to see any more violence and death as a result of it."

IHIT is also seeking the public's help to locate a driver who may have information about a vehicle associated to this shooting.

Investigators are aware of a dark coloured sedan that was driving erratically on Hawthorne Avenue at 9:20 p.m. on the evening of Thursday March 10, 2016. While driving erratically, the sedan cut off another driver which resulted in this driver honking their horn at the sedan.

The driver that was cut off has yet to be identified and IHIT is requesting that driver come forward to police as they may have information that could assist this investigation.

If you have information contact the IHIT information line at 1-877-551-IHIT(4448) or email [ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

If you wish to remain anonymous contact Crimestoppers on the web at [solvecrime.ca](http://solvecrime.ca) or by phone at 1-800-222-8477.

<p><b>Sgt. Casey Vinet:</b> ..... <b>Phone (604) 864-4830</b> <b>Abbotsford Police Public Information Officer</b> ..... <b>Cell: (604) 835-9090</b> <b>2838 Justice Way, Abbotsford, BC V2T 3P5</b> ..... E-mail: <a href="mailto:cvinet@abbypd.ca">cvinet@abbypd.ca</a></p>
--

*Our Mission:  
To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*