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NEWS RELEASE

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Incident:

This morning at approximately 7:55 am, the Abbotsford Police received numerous calls from citizens reporting an erratic truck driving westbound on Highway #1. Information provided by the RCMP Fraser Valley Traffic Services advised that the truck was stolen and they had previously encountered it this morning.

As APD Patrol Officers were responding to the driving complaints, the stolen vehicle was involved in a collision with a SUV on Sumas Way at Lonzo Road. The stolen truck travelled westbound on Lonzo, went off road and crashed into a cement barricade. The two occupants of the stolen truck fled on foot immediately after the crash. The two occupants of the SUV were transported to hospital by the BC Ambulance Service to be treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The two suspects were observed entering a residence in the 1600 block of Riverside Road. An APD K9 Unit tracked the suspects to the residence.

APD Patrol and Emergency Response Team (ERT) Officers attended the scene. Crisis Negotiators were involved. The suspects refused to exit the home and police managed a barricaded situation for 2 ½ hours.

Eventually the male suspect exited the residence with a pistol in his hand. He dropped the pistol once outside and proceeded to walk towards officers, but failed to comply with their commands. The male was non-compliant and two Arwen projectile rounds were deployed, striking him in the lower extremities; the male suspect became compliant and was taken into custody. The handgun was later determined to be a replica.

Information was received that the female suspect was still in the residence but had received injuries from the crash. The female suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody. She was transported to hospital by the BC Ambulance Service for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

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The two suspects, a 40 year old male and 34 year old female are in custody facing several charges, including break and enter. Fortunately, the residents of the house were not home at the time of the break and enter.

Anyone with information about this incident 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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