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NEWS RELEASE

APD NEWS RELEASE:

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Incident: Update to Arson to Building Under Construction

The Major Crime Unit (MCU) of the Abbotsford Police Department continues to investigate this arson. Currently they are looking for a vehicle of interest that was captured by area video surveillance. The vehicle is believed to be a light-coloured 2000 to 2006 GMC Yukon with a faulty right brake light (see photos). Investigators are looking for information about that vehicle, its owner and any occupants the morning of the arson.



In addition, MCU detectives are looking for additional witnesses who have not yet spoken with police but were at the scene and filming the fire on their cellphones.

Witnesses and anyone with information about this arson should contact the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225, send an email to apdtips@abbypd.ca or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Initial Release of December 15, 2017:

This morning, at 4:15 am, a witness observed flames and smoke coming from a recently renovated business in the 2700 block of Bourquin Crescent. Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service crews battled the blaze which consumed a portion of the building and causing substantial smoke and water damage to the structure.

Shortly before the 911 call, five individuals, at least one of whom was female, were observed throwing rocks at the windows of this business.

The witness immediately dialed 911 to report the fire. The witness also advised that the same suspects were last seen running westbound on Ventura Ave after the fire began.

Abbotsford Police Department Major Crime Unit detectives and Forensics Identification Unit are working with AFRS to determine the cause of the arson. APD investigators are canvassing for video and additional witnesses. Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact the Major Crime Unit of the Abbotsford Police Department at 604-859-5225 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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