



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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### **Charge Approved in IIO Investigation of Surrey Shooting**

**Victoria** - The Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of Justice (CJB) announced today that a charge of Careless Use of a Firearm has been approved against a member of the Delta Police Department in connection with an incident in Surrey on November 7, 2013. The case was investigated by the Independent Investigation Office (IIO), which subsequently submitted a Report to Crown Counsel.

An information charging Cst. Vicken Movsessian with one count of Careless Use of a Firearm, contrary to section 86(1) of the *Criminal Code*, was sworn April 15, 2015 in British Columbia Provincial Court in Surrey under court file number 209087-1. First appearance in the case has been set for April 27, 2015 at 9:30.

The charge arises from an on duty incident involving contact on the date in question between police and the occupants of a vehicle in the area of 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 148<sup>th</sup> Street in Surrey. It is alleged that in the course of the incident a firearm was discharged, resulting in injury to a male occupant of the vehicle.

Following an investigation, where the Chief Civilian Director of the IIO determines that an officer may have committed an offence, the IIO submits a report to CJB. The Chief Civilian Director does not make a recommendation on whether charges should be approved or what charges CJB should consider.

The Charge Assessment Guidelines applied by the Criminal Justice Branch in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in Branch policy and are available online at:

[http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/policy-man/pdf/CHA1\\_ChargeAssessmentGuidelines.pdf](http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/policy-man/pdf/CHA1_ChargeAssessmentGuidelines.pdf)

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As this matter is now before the Court, CJB is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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