

Media Statement

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BC Prosecution Service approves MVA charge against Langley RCMP Officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of driving without due care and attention has been approved against Langley RCMP Cpl. Steven Vandelft in connection with a motor vehicle incident alleged to have occurred on June 19, 2021 in Langley.

An Information charging Cpl. Vandelft with one count of driving without due care and attention contrary to section 144(1)(a) of the *Motor Vehicle Act* was sworn on June 7, 2022, under Provincial Court file number 249246. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for July 5, 2022, in Surrey Provincial Court.

The charge was approved by an experienced Crown Counsel with no prior or current connection with the officer. The charge assessment guidelines applied by the BC Prosecution Service in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in the BC Prosecution Service Crown Counsel Policy Manual and are available online at:

www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines

BCPS guidelines for assessing allegations against Peace Officers are also established in policy and are available at:

www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/prosecution-service/crowncounsel-policy-manual/pol-1.pdf

As this matter is now before the court the BCPS will not be releasing additional information or commenting further at this time.

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