

Media Statement

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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Abbotsford police officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against Abbotsford police officer Christopher Conway in connection with an incustody incident that occurred on November 21, 2021, in Abbotsford BC.

An Information charging Cst. Conway with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on September 22, 2022, under Provincial Court file number 95601. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for October 27, 2022, in Abbotsford Provincial Court.

The charges were 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:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/prosecutionservice/crown-counsel-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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