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## **Assault charge approved against Kelowna RCMP officer**

**Victoria** – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against Kelowna RCMP Cst. Siggie Emmit-Steven Pietrzak in connection with the arrest of a suspected impaired driver in Kelowna on May 30, 2020.

An information charging Cst. Pietrzak with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on April 14, 2021 under Provincial Court file number 95435. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for May 3, 2021 in Kelowna 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](http://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/prosecution-service/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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