

## **Media Statement**

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## Charges Approved Against Ridge Meadows RCMP Member

**Victoria** – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that criminal charges have been approved against Ridge Meadows RCMP constable Gregory Scott Bakker as a result of an investigation into conduct that is alleged to have occurred between July and November 2016 at or near Abbotsford, Langley, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, and Surrey, British Columbia.

An information charging Cst. Bakker with one count of touching a person under the age of 16 for a sexual purpose contrary to s.151 of the *Criminal Code* and one count of breach of trust contrary to s.122 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn August 22, 2018 under court file no. 229470 in the Surrey Registry of the Provincial Court of British Columbia. Cst. Bakker was released on bail today and is bound by conditions of release. The next appearance in the case has been scheduled for October 5, 2018 at Surrey Provincial Court.

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

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

As these matters are now before the Court, the BCPS is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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