

Media Statement

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Assault charges approved against Vancouver Police Department Officers

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that charges of assault and assault with a weapon have been approved against two Vancouver Police Department officers in connection with their involvement in the arrest of Jamiel Moore-Williams following an incident that occurred in the downtown area of Vancouver on February 11, 2018.

An information charging Cst. Jarrod Sidhu with one count of assault with a weapon contrary to section 267(a) of the *Criminal Code* and charging Cst. Jagpreet Ghuman with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on December 8, 2020 under Provincial Court file number 260374-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for January 14, 2021 in Vancouver Provincial Court.

The charges were approved by an experienced Crown Counsel with no prior or current connection with the officers. 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

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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