

Media Statement

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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Vancouver Police Officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against Vancouver police officer Simrit Roycombough in connection with their involvement with an on-duty incident that occurred on June 9, 2019, in Vancouver BC.

An information charging Cst. Roycombough with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on May 19, 2022, under Provincial Court file number 265394. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for June 27, 2022, in Vancouver 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:

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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