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## **BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Langley RCMP officer**

**Victoria** – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that assault charges have been approved against a Langley RCMP officer as a result of the officer's interactions with two different suspects following their arrests on July 1, 2020, and on August 17, 2020, respectively.

Two Informations, each charging Staff Sergeant Damian Volk with assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code*, were sworn on May 26, 2023, under North Vancouver Provincial Court file numbers 253030-1 and 253029-1. The first appearance on these matters is scheduled for June 23, 2023, in North Vancouver Provincial Court.

The matters were investigated by the North Vancouver RCMP. The charges were assessed and approved by an experienced Crown Counsel with no prior or current connection with the officer. The charge assessment guidelines applied by Crown Counsel 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:

[www.gov.bc.ca/allegations-against-peace-officers](http://www.gov.bc.ca/allegations-against-peace-officers)

As these matters are now before the court, the BCPS will not be releasing any additional information or commenting further at this time.

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