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BC Prosecution Service approves assault charge against Vancouver Police Officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against Vancouver Police Cst. Riley Emerson Robert Wiens in connection with an on-duty incident involving an individual on March 20, 2021, in Vancouver.

An information charging Cst. Wiens with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on June 30, 2022 under Provincial Court file number 265840. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for August 15, 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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