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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Surrey RCMP officer

The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that charges of assault and uttering threats have been approved against Surrey RCMP Cst. Zubair Mohammed Hassan in connection with their involvement in the arrest of a suspect on December 9, 2020.

An information charging Cst. Hassan with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* and one count of uttering threats contrary to section 264.1(1) was sworn on November 24, 2021 under Surrey Provincial Court file number 246961-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for December 13, 2021 in Surrey 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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