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BC Prosecution Service approves charge against Coquitlam RCMP Officer

Victoria - The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against Coquitlam RCMP Sgt. Antonio Guerrero Jr. in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred at the Coquitlam RCMP detachment on December 14 - 15, 2022.

An Information charging Sgt. Guerrero Jr. with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on December 14, 2023, under Port Coquitlam Provincial Court file number 110450-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for January 17, 2024, in Port Coquitlam 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 BCPS in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in the BCPS 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:

www.gov.bc.ca/allegations-against-peace-officers

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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