

Media Statement

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Charge approved against New Hazelton RCMP officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a single charge of assault causing bodily harm, contrary to section 267(b) of the *Criminal Code*, has been approved against New Hazelton RCMP Cst. Eric Andrew Unrau. The charge resulted from an on-duty incident that is alleged to have occurred at the New Hazelton RCMP detachment on September 4, 2018.

An Information charging Cst. Unrau was sworn on March 1, 2019 under Hazelton Provincial Court file number 25382-1. An appearance in the case has been scheduled for March 22, 2019 in Hazelton Provincial Court.

The Charge Assessment Guidelines applied by the BCPS in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in Branch policy and are available online at:

www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines

As this matter is now before the court, the BCPS is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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