



MEDIA STATEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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Charges Approved Against Cst. Geoffrey Mantler

Victoria - The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General today announced that charges have been approved against Constable Geoffrey Mantler in connection with his alleged use of force while on duty on two separate occasions. An investigative report in relation to a third incident remains under review by Crown Counsel.

An information charging Cst. Mantler with Assault Causing Bodily Harm to Buddy Tavares in relation an incident on January 7, 2011 was sworn today in Provincial Court in Kelowna. A second information was sworn today in Provincial Court in Kelowna charging Cst. Mantler with Assault Causing Bodily Harm in connection with an alleged incident in Kelowna on August 30, 2010. The charge assessment review of these two investigative reports was conducted in the Kamloops Regional Crown Counsel office.

A first appearance on each of these files has been scheduled for April 26, 2011 in Provincial Court in Kelowna.

Given that these matters are now before the Court it is not appropriate for the Branch to release additional information at this time.

The charge assessment review is continuing in relation to an alleged incident on August 10, 2010 on the William R. Bennett Bridge in Kelowna.

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