



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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### **Charge of Sexual Assault Approved Against Police Officer**

**Victoria** - The Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of Justice (CJB) announced today that a criminal charge has been approved against RCMP Inspector Timothy Shields as a result of an investigation into sexual misconduct that is alleged to have occurred between 2009 and 2010.

At the time of the alleged incident, Timothy Shields was the Officer in Charge of the Strategic Communications Unit (SCU) at E Division Headquarters, operating out of the old RCMP headquarters on Heather Street in Vancouver. The complainant was a civilian employee with the RCMP and worked in coordination with the SCU at the time of the alleged offence.

Information 241855-1 charging Timothy Shields with a single count of Sexual Assault was sworn on May 10, 2016 at B.C. Provincial Court in Vancouver. Mr. Shields' next appearance in the case has been scheduled for June 27, 2016 at Vancouver Adult Provincial Court.

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

[http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/policy-man/pdf/CHA1\\_ChargeAssessmentGuidelines.pdf](http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/policy-man/pdf/CHA1_ChargeAssessmentGuidelines.pdf)

As these matters are now before the Court, CJB is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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[www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/bc-prosecution-service](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/bc-prosecution-service)

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