



# MEDIA STATEMENT

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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### Charges Approved Against Police Officer

**Victoria** - The Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of Justice (CJB) announced today that criminal charges have been approved against Vancouver Police Detective Constable James Albert Stanley Fisher. At the time of the alleged offences Det. Fisher was working with the Counter Exploitation Unit at the Vancouver Police Department (VPD).

The *Criminal Code* offences that are on Surrey Provincial Court Information # 219368 include:

- Three counts of sexual exploitation (s 153) against one individual, from August to December 2015;
- One count of breach of trust (s 122) by sexually touching a witness in a criminal prosecution, from August to December 2015;
- One count of sexual assault (s 271) in December 2015; and
- One count of obstructing justice by providing false or misleading information to a Burnaby RCMP officer in November 2016.

Mr. Fisher was released on bail this morning and is bound by conditions of release. The next appearance in the case has been scheduled for January 24, 2017 at Surrey Provincial Court.

The charges were approved by a senior Crown counsel who is located in a different area of the province than the officer under investigation, and who has no prior or current connection with this officer. 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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