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Additional Charges for Former Vancouver Police Constable

Victoria - The BC Prosecution Service, Ministry of Justice announced today that additional criminal charges have been approved against former Vancouver Police Detective Constable James Albert Stanley Fisher. Mr. Fisher was originally charged on a six count information sworn on December 29, 2016. At the time of the alleged offences Mr. Fisher was working with the Counter Exploitation Unit at the Vancouver Police Department (VPD).

The additional Criminal Code offences on Surrey Provincial Court Information # 219368-C-2 include two additional charges of sexual assault and one additional charge of breach of trust in relation to a witness in a criminal investigation.

Mr. Fisher remains bound by the original conditions of release. The next appearance in the case has been scheduled for May 30, 2017 at Surrey Provincial Court.

The new 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 BC Prosecution Service in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in Branch policy and are available online at:

www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/prosecution-service/crown-counsel-policy-manual/cha-1-charge-assessment-guidelines.pdf

As these matters continue before the court, the Prosecution Service is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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