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## Merritt RCMP officer charged with assault

**Victoria** – The BC Prosecution Service (“BCPS”) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against Merritt RCMP Sgt Norm Flemming in relation to an incident that occurred at the Merritt RCMP detachment on May 15, 2017.

An information charging Sgt Flemming with one count of assault contrary to s.266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on November 9, 2017 under court file number 105000 in the Provincial Court of British Columbia at Merritt. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for December 5, 2017 in Merritt Provincial Court.

The charge was approved by an experienced Crown Counsel 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 the Prosecution Service Policy Manual 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](http://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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