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BC Prosecution Service approves assault charge against Comox RCMP officer

The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against Cst. Geory Penner of the Comox Valley RCMP. The charge arose out of an on duty incident that occurred on November 7, 2017 in the Courtenay/Comox area.

An information charging Cst. Penner with a single count of assault contrary to s. 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on May 4, 2018 under court file number 41302. The first appearance on this matter will be on May 31, 2018 in Courtenay Provincial Court.

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

www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines

As the matter is now before the court the BC Prosecution Service is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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