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BC Prosecution Service approves assault charge against Vancouver Police Officer

Victoria - The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault causing bodily harm has been approved against Cst. Ken Stanworth of the Vancouver Police Department in relation to an on-duty incident that occurred on March 1, 2016 in downtown Vancouver.

The Independent Investigation Office (IIO) was notified of the incident and subsequently conducted an investigation. Following an investigation, where the Chief Civilian Director of the IIO determines that an officer may have committed an offence, the IIO submits a report to BCPS. The Chief Civilian Director does not make a recommendation on whether charges should be approved.

An Information charging Cst. Stanworth with a single count of assault causing bodily harm contrary to section 267(b) of the *Criminal Code* was sworn June 29, 2018 under file number 251565 in Provincial Court of British Columbia in Vancouver. An appearance in the case has been scheduled for July 9, 2018 in Vancouver Provincial Court.

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

gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines

As this matter is now before the court, the BCPS is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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