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## **Motor Vehicle Act charge approved against Vancouver Special Constable**

**Victoria** - The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of driving without due care and attention contrary to s. 144(1)(a) of the Motor Vehicle Act has been approved against Special Constable Michael Mazziotti of the Vancouver Police Department. The charge relates to a collision involving a Vancouver Police Community Safety vehicle and a bicycle. This incident occurred on July 29, 2018, while S/Cst. Mazziotti was on duty in Vancouver.

An information charging S/Cst. Mazziotti with this offence was sworn July 25, 2019 in Vancouver Provincial Court, file number 256308. S/Cst. Mazziotti has a first appearance scheduled for August 8, 2019 in Vancouver Provincial Court at 222 Main St.

As a consequence of the injuries sustained by the cyclist, the incident was investigated by the Independent Investigations Office (IIO). Following the investigation, the Chief Civilian Director of the IIO determined that there were reasonable grounds to believe S/Cst. Mazziotti had committed an offence and submitted a report to the BCPS.

The Charge Assessment Guidelines applied by the Prosecution Service in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are set out in the Prosecution Service Policy Manual and are available online at:

[www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines](http://www.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.

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