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## Former Kelowna RCMP officer charged with multiple breach of trust offences

**Victoria** – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that charges of breach of trust have been approved against former Kelowna RCMP officer Brian Mathew Burkett. The charges involve allegations of misconduct against seven individuals between October 2015 and August 2016 at or near Kelowna.

An information charging Mr. Burkett with seven counts of breach of trust in connection with the duties of his office contrary to section 122 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on July 19, 2019 Kelowna court file no. 91932. Mr. Burkett's next appearance is scheduled for September 23, 2019. A ban on publication of the names of the targets of the alleged misconduct has been ordered by the court pursuant to section 486.5(1) of the *Criminal Code*.

The charges were approved by a senior Crown Counsel with no prior or current connection with the officer. The charge assessment guidelines that are applied by the BCPS in reviewing all RCCs are established in BCPS policy *Charge Assessment Guidelines* (CHA 1) and are available 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 Prosecution Service will not be offering any further comment or releasing any additional information at this time.

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