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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Nanaimo RCMP Officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault causing bodily harm has been approved against Nanaimo RCMP Cst. Tim Mason in connection with his involvement in the arrest and subsequent detention of an individual for public intoxication on December 2, 2018.

An Information charging Cst. Mason with one count of assault causing bodily harm contrary to section 267(b) of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on October 8, 2020 under Nanaimo Provincial Court file number 88325. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for December 8, 2020 in Nanaimo Provincial Court.

The charges were approved by a Crown Counsel with no prior or current connection with the officer. The charge assessment guidelines applied by the BC Prosecution Service in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in the BCPS Crown Counsel Policy Manual and are available online at:

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

Specific guidelines for Crown Counsel dealing with allegations against peace officers are also established in the BCPS Crown Counsel Policy manual and are available at:

www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/prosecution-service/crown-counsel-policy-manual/pol-1.pdf

As this matter is now before the court the BCPS will not be releasing additional information or commenting further at this time.

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