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BC Prosecution Service approves charge against former Sidney RCMP officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against former RCMP Cst. Edward (Paul) Mittelsteadt following an on-duty altercation involving an in-custody accused on July 12, 2020, in Saanich.

An information charging Edward Paul Mittelsteadt with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on February 2, 2022, under Victoria Provincial Court file number 183526-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for February 28, 2022, in Victoria Provincial Court.

The charges were approved by an experienced Crown Counsel with no prior or current connection with the officer. The charge assessment guidelines applied by the BCPS 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

BCPS guidelines for assessing allegations against peace officers are also established in policy 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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