

Media Statement

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BC Prosecution Service approves charge against Nanaimo RCMP Officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge has been approved against an RCMP officer in connection with a driving incident that involved a police vehicle and a motorcycle on September 3, 2021 near Nanaimo. Cst. Elie Mohsen is a member of the Nanaimo RCMP detachment, and was working a shift with the Ladysmith RCMP at the time of the incident.

An Information charging Cst. Mohsen with one count of driving without reasonable consideration for others, contrary to section 144(1)(b) of the *Motor Vehicle Act* was sworn on September 1, 2022, under Nanaimo Provincial Court file number 90392. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for September 27, 2022, in Nanaimo 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 BC Prosecution Service in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in the BC Prosecution Service 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/crowncounsel-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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