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BC Prosecution Service approves charge against Kelowna RCMP officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against a Kelowna RCMP officer following an incident that occurred in Kelowna on August 18, 2023.

An Information charging Cst. Russell Reeder with one count of assault contrary to section 266 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on September 4, 2025, under Kelowna provincial court file number 102735-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for September 18, 2025, in Kelowna provincial court.

The charges were approved by an experienced Crown Counsel who has no connection with the accused. The charge assessment guidelines applied by Crown Counsel 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:

www.gov.bc.ca/allegations-against-peace-officers

As these matters are now before the court, the BCPS will not be releasing any additional information or commenting further at this time.

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