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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Merritt RCMP officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that charges of breach of trust and various firearms offences have been approved against a Merritt RCMP officer following events that occurred in Merritt and Kamloops between February 1, 2020 and May 19, 2023.

An Information charging Cst. David Paul Feller was sworn on October 30, 2025, under Merritt provincial court file number 116238-1. The specific charges that have been laid are one count of breach of trust, contrary to section 122 of the *Criminal Code*; two counts of possessing firearms obtained through the commission of an offence, contrary to section 96(1) of the *Criminal Code*; two counts of storing firearms contrary to the *Firearms Act* regulations, contrary to section 86(2) of the *Criminal Code*; one count of possessing unloaded restricted firearms with readily accessible ammunition, contrary to section 95(1) of the *Criminal Code*; and one count of possessing restricted firearms at an unauthorized location, contrary to section 93(1) of the *Criminal Code*. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for November 18, 2025, in Merritt 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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