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## **BC Prosecution Service approves charges against New Westminster Police Department officer**

**Victoria** – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that charges have been approved against a New Westminster Police Department officer following incidents that occurred in New Westminster on May 4 and 7, 2025. The matter was investigated by the Abbotsford Police Department.

An Information charging Cst. Hardeep Singh Purba with two counts of breach of trust, contrary to section 122 of the *Criminal Code*, was sworn on June 25, 2026, under New Westminster Provincial Court file number 87362-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for July 22, 2026.

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](http://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](http://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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