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BC Prosecution Service approves charge against Northern Rockies RCMP officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault with a weapon has been approved against a member of the Northern Rockies RCMP, following an incident that occurred in Fort Nelson on November 6, 2025.

An Information charging Cst. Maxim Pinke with one count of assault with a weapon, contrary to section 267(a) of the *Criminal Code*, was sworn on October 15, 2026, under Fort Nelson Provincial Court file number 13071-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for October 29, 2026.

The charge was 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 this matter is now before the court, the BCPS will not be releasing any additional information nor commenting further at this time.

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