



MEDIA STATEMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH

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Assault Charge Approved in IIO Investigation of Arrest in Terrace

Victoria - The Criminal Justice Branch (CJB), Ministry of Justice announced today that a charge of assault has been approved against a member of the R.C.M.P in connection with an incident involving the arrest of a male youth in Terrace on May 28, 2014. In October 2014 the Independent Investigation Office (IIO) was notified of the incident and subsequently conducted an investigation.

An Information charging Constable Bruce Lofroth with a single count of Assault was sworn February 25, 2016 under file number 32202-1 in British Columbia Provincial Court in Terrace. An appearance in the case has been scheduled for March 7th, 2016 in Terrace.

Following an investigation, where the Chief Civilian Director of the IIO determines that an officer may have committed an offence, the IIO submits a report to CJB. The Chief Civilian Director does not make a recommendation on whether charges should be approved.

The Charge Assessment Guidelines applied by the Criminal Justice Branch in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in Branch policy and are available online at:

http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/policy-man/pdf/CHA1_ChargeAssessmentGuidelines.pdf

As this matter is now before the Court, CJB is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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