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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Prince Rupert RCMP in motor vehicle incident

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of driving without due care and attention, contrary to s. 144(1)(a) of the *Motor Vehicle Act* has been approved against Prince Rupert RCMP Cpl. Jeff Easingwood. The charges relate to an incident that occurred on March 25, 2017, while he was on duty in Prince Rupert.

An information charging Cpl. Easingwood with one count of driving without due care and attention was sworn on March 22, 2018 under court file number 29706-1 in the Provincial Court of British Columbia at Prince Rupert. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for April 25, 2018 at Prince Rupert Provincial Court.

The charge was approved by an experienced Crown counsel who is located in a different area of the province than the officer under investigation, and who has no prior or current connection with this officer. The Charge Assessment Guidelines applied by the BCPS in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in Branch policy and are available online at:

www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines

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

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