



Referral to Crown Counsel

Disposition

IIO Investigation: 2016-051

The IIO investigation was referred to Crown Counsel with the BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) for consideration of charges on [June 18, 2018](#). On June 8, 2020, [BCPS announced that charges were being approved against the officers](#).

Cst. Joshua Grafton was charged with assault, assault with a weapon, and obstruction of justice, contrary to sections 266, 267(a), and 139(2) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*, respectively.

On August 22, 2023, Cst. Grafton was found not guilty on all three counts.

A separate Information charged Cst. Wayne Connell and Cst. Kyle Sharpe with assault causing bodily harm, contrary to section 267(b) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*. These charges were stayed on October 15, 2021.

Incident Summary

In the morning on February 18, 2016, two men were arrested by members of the RCMP in Prince George following a traffic stop of an allegedly stolen truck in the 2300-block of Norwood Street. In March 2016, the Director of Police Services, at the request of the RCMP and pursuant to their authority under section 44 of the *Police Act*, directed an IIO investigation into the incident as, although the men were injured, their injuries did not meet the threshold of [serious harm](#) as defined by the *Police Act*.