

Referral to Crown Counsel

Disposition

IIO Investigation: 2017-083

On July 16, 2019, the IIO [announced it would be forwarding a report to the BC Prosecution Service \(BCPS\)](#) for consideration of charges regarding an investigation into the death of Arthur (Dale) Dale Culver in Prince George on July 18, 2017. [Additional lines](#) of inquiry were identified and followed, and on May 29, 2020, the IIO disclosed its file to the BCPS.

On February 1, 2023, the [BCPS approved charges](#) against five officers: Constables Paul Ste-Marie, Jean Francois Monette were charged with manslaughter contrary to section 236(b) of the Criminal Code, and Constables Arthur Dalman, Clarence (Alex) Alexander MacDonald, and Sergeant Bayani (Jon) Eusebio Cruz with attempting to obstruct justice contrary to section 139(2) of the *Criminal Code*.

On April 5, 2024, the BCPS [announced that a stay of proceedings](#) was entered regarding the manslaughter charges against both Constables Ste-Marie and Monette.

On May 13, 2024, the BCPS entered a stay of proceedings regarding the charge of obstruction against Constable MacDonald.

On July 25, 2024, the Honorable Judge Adrian Brooks delivered his verdict and found that Constable Arthur Dalman was guilty of obstruction while Constable Cruz was found not guilty.

On March 2, 2026, the Honorable Judge Michael Fortino suspended the passing of sentence and placed Arthur Dalman on a period of 18 months probation for the obstruction conviction.

Incident Summary

At about 10:30 p.m. on July 18, 2017, police responded to a report of a man alleged to be “casing vehicles” in the 1000 block of Central Street West in Prince George.

Mr. Culver was riding a bicycle in the area and police attempted to apprehend him.

There was a struggle between Mr. Culver and police, and oleoresin capsicum (OC, or pepper) spray was used while taking him into custody.

Mr. Culver was handcuffed and walked to nearby police vehicle. About half an hour later while still at the scene, Mr. Culver became short of breath and Emergency Health Services (EHS) were called. Mr. Culver was removed from the police vehicle in order to be examined by the paramedics and at this point, and he collapsed. He was subsequently pronounced deceased shortly thereafter.