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Charge approved against Chilliwack 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 Chilliwack RCMP Cst. Yannick Leblanc. The charge relates to an incident involving a pedestrian that occurred on March 30, 2018, while the officer was on duty in Chilliwack.

The Independent Investigation Office (IIO) was notified of the incident and subsequently conducted an investigation. 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 the BCPS.

An Information charging Cst. Leblanc with one count of driving without due care and attention was sworn on March 27, 2019 under court file number 68891 in the Provincial Court of British Columbia at Chilliwack. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for April 23, 2019.

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 court, the BCPS is unable to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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