

Referral to Crown Counsel

Disposition

IIO Investigation: 2019-078

On December 9, 2020, Cst. Luke Bokenfohr of the Vancouver Police Department pled guilty to the lesser offence of driving without due care and attention, contrary to section 144(1)(a) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$2000, a victim surcharge of \$300, and received a six-month driving prohibition.

On May 18, 2018, a police vehicle driven by Cst. Bokenfohr collided with a cyclist at the intersection of W 46th Avenue and Oak Street in Vancouver. The female cyclist received serious injuries in the collision.

The injuries to the female were initially believed to be minor, but on May 1, 2019, further information was received that confirmed that the injuries met the threshold for serious harm, as defined by the *Police Act*. The IIO referred the matter to Crown Counsel with the BC Prosecution Service for consideration of charges on May 9, 2019.

The BC Prosecution Service initially charged Cst. Bokenfohr for the offence of dangerous driving causing bodily harm, contrary to section 249(3) of the *Criminal Code*, on May 17, 2019.