

Media Statement

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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Abbotsford Police Officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that charges of assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm have been approved against Abbotsford Police Cst. Shaun Nagel in connection with the arrest of a suspect on February 26, 2020, in West Vancouver.

An Information charging Cst. Nagel with one count of assault with a weapon contrary to section 267(a) of the *Criminal Code* and one count of assault causing bodily harm contrary to section 267(b) of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on June 23, 2022, under North Vancouver Provincial Court file number 69766. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for August 3, 2022, in North Vancouver Provincial Court.

The charges were approved by an experienced Crown Counsel with no prior or current connection with the officer. The charge assessment guidelines applied by the BC Prosecution Service in reviewing all Reports to Crown Counsel are established in the BC Prosecution Service Crown Counsel Policy Manual and are available online at:

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

BCPS guidelines for assessing allegations against Peace Officers are also established in policy and are available at:

www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/prosecution-service/crown-counsel-policy-manual/pol-1.pdf

As this matter is now before the court the BCPS will not be releasing additional information or commenting further at this time.

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