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## BC Prosecution Service approves charges against RCMP Dog Handler

**Victoria** – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge of assault causing bodily harm has been approved against an RCMP Dog handler assigned to the Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Services. Cst. Simon Courtoreille has been charged in connection with the arrest of a suspect on July 12, 2020, in Abbotsford.

An Information charging Cst. Courtoreille with one count of assault causing bodily harm contrary to section 267 of the *Criminal Code* was sworn on October 20, 2022, under Abbotsford Provincial Court file number 95670-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for November 14, 2022, in Abbotsford Provincial Court.

The charge was 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-guidelines](http://www.gov.bc.ca/charge-assessment-guidelines)

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](http://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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