

Media Statement

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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Chilliwack RCMP officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that charges of discharging a firearm with intent, aggravated assault, and careless use of a firearm have been approved against Chilliwack RCMP Cst. Keven Biagioni in connection with the arrest of a suspect on January 12, 2021, in Chilliwack.

An Information charging Cst. Biagioni with charges of discharging a firearm with intent contrary to section 244(1), aggravated assault contrary to section 268(1), and careless use of a firearm contrary to section 86(1) all pursuant to the *Criminal Code* was sworn on November 3, 2022, under Chilliwack Provincial Court file number 73302-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for December 12, 2022, in Chilliwack 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

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

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

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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