



Referral to Crown Counsel

Disposition

IIO Investigation: 2021-295

On June 15, 2022, the IIO [filed a report to Crown Counsel](#) with the BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) for consideration of charges regarding an investigation into an October 27, 2021 motor vehicle incident near Merritt.

On October 11, 2022, the BCPS determined that charges would not be approved in this case.

Due to the particular circumstances around the incident, the IIO requested that no clear statement be published into this matter, and this was accepted by the BCPS.

Incident Summary

Shortly after noon on October 27, 2021, a member of the BC Highway Patrol attempted to conduct a traffic stop of a white Honda beginning near the intersection of Highway 5A and Highway 5 before discontinuing.

About 30 minutes later, the Honda was involved in a collision with another vehicle some distance away. The male passenger in the Honda sustained serious injuries.