

Referral to Crown Counsel

Disposition

IIO Investigation: 2022-251

On July 24, 2023, the IIO <u>filed a report to Crown Counsel</u> with the BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) for consideration of charges regarding an investigation into a September 20, 2022 motor vehicle incident in Vancouver.

On September 8, 2023, the <u>BCPS approved charges</u> against Cst. Jack Zhao of driving without due care and attention, failing to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a pedestrian, and speeding contrary to sections 144(1)(a), 181(a) and 146(3) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, respectively.

On May 3, 2024, Cst. Zhao pled guilty to the charges of excessive speeding relative to conditions, contrary to section 144(1)(c) of the *Motor Vehicle Act* in lieu of driving without due care and attention, and was sentenced to pay a \$2,000 fine and \$300 victim surcharge.

A stay of proceedings was entered by the BCPS with regards to the charges of failing to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a pedestrian and speeding.

Incident Summary

At about 3:20 a.m. on September 20, 2022, Cst. Jack Zhao was driving a marked police vehicle eastbound on East Hastings Street when he collided with a man who was standing in the road on Hastings between Columbia and Main streets.

The man who was struck sustained serious injuries in the collision.