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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Vancouver police officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that three *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) charges have been approved against a Vancouver police officer following a motor vehicle accident that occurred on September 20, 2022, in Vancouver.

An Information charging Cst. Jack Zhao with driving without due care and attention contrary to section 144(1)(a) of the MVA, failing to exercise due care to avoid colliding with a pedestrian contrary to section 181(a) of the MVA and speeding contrary to section 146(3) of the MVA was sworn on September 8, 2023, under Vancouver Provincial Court file # 269569. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for September 28, 2023 in Vancouver Provincial Court.

The charges were approved by an experienced Crown Counsel who has no connection with the officer. The charge assessment guidelines applied by Crown Counsel 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:

www.gov.bc.ca/allegations-against-peace-officers

As these matters are now before the court, the BCPS will not be releasing any additional information or commenting further at this time.

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