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BC Prosecution Service approves charges against Ridge Meadows RCMP officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) charge has been approved against a Ridge Meadows RCMP officer following an off-duty motor vehicle accident that occurred on October 8, 2022, in Mission. The matter was investigated by the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) of BC who filed a report with the BCPS for consideration of charges under IIO file 2022-266.

An Information charging Cst. Brendan Prasad with driving without due care and attention contrary to section 144(1)(a) of the MVA was sworn on October 6, 2023, under Abbotsford Provincial Court file 97194. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for November 16, 2023, in Abbotsford 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 BCPS 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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