



Referral to Crown Counsel

Disposition

IIO Investigation: 2023-317

On August 22, 2024, the IIO [referred this matter to Crown Counsel](#) for consideration of charges regarding an investigation into the September 2023 injury of a woman in a motor vehicle incident.

On September 27, 2024, the [Crown Counsel approved a charge](#) of driving without reasonable consideration for other persons using the highway contrary to section 144(1)(b) of the *Motor Vehicle Act* against Sgt. William Briscoe.

On May 27, 2025, Sgt. Briscoe pleaded guilty to contravening section 181(1) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, which requires that a driver exercise due care to avoid colliding with a pedestrian who is on the highway and was sentenced to pay a \$2,000 fine and a \$300 victim surcharge.

A stay of proceedings was entered by Crown Counsel with regards to the charge of driving without reasonable consideration for other persons using the highway.

Incident Summary

At about 9:10 p.m. on September 29, 2023, Sgt. Briscoe of the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) was driving to a call on the 1600 block of Commercial Drive when he collided with a pedestrian. The woman sought medical attention a short time later and was determined to have sustained a serious injury.

The IIO was notified of the incident on October 23, 2023 when VPD became aware of the injury.