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BC Prosecution Service approves charge against VPD officer

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) charge has been approved against a VPD officer, Sgt. William Briscoe, in connection with a collision that occurred in Vancouver on September 29, 2023. 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 2023-317.

An Information charging Sgt. Briscoe with driving without reasonable consideration for other persons using the highway contrary to section 144(1)(b) of the MVA was sworn on September 27, 2024, under Vancouver Provincial Court file 273171-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for October 29, 2024, in Vancouver Provincial Court.

The charge was 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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