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**BC Prosecution Service approves *Motor Vehicle Act* charge
against Central Saanich Police Service officer**

Victoria – The BC Prosecution Service (BCPS) announced today that a charge under the *Motor Vehicle Act* has been approved against a member of the Central Saanich Police Service, Cpl. Phillip DiBattista, following an incident that occurred in Central Saanich on May 21, 2024.

The incident was investigated by the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) and referred to the BCPS for charge assessment. An Information charging Phillip John DiBattista with one count of driving without due care and attention, contrary to section 144(1)(a) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, was sworn on May 15, 2025, under Victoria provincial court file number 190316-1. The first appearance on this matter is scheduled for June 11, 2025, at Victoria Law Courts.

The charges were approved by an experienced Crown Counsel who has no connection with the accused. 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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