

Referral to Crown Counsel

Disposition

IIO Investigation: 2024-147

On April 15, 2025, the IIO <u>referred this matter to Crown Counsel</u> for consideration of charges regarding an investigation into the July 2024 injuries of several people in a motor vehicle incident in Greenwood, BC.

On June 10, 2025, <u>Crown Counsel approved charges</u> of driving without due care and attention and failing to safely execute a reverse turn (U-turn) contrary to sections 144(1)(a) and 168(a) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, respectively, against Cst. Christopher Odgaard.

On September 10, 2025, the officer pleaded guilty to making an unsafe U-turn contrary to section 168(a) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*. Cst. Odgaard was sentenced to pay a \$250 fine and \$38 victim surcharge.

The charge of driving without due care and attention, contrary to section 144(1)(a) was stayed.

Incident Summary

Shortly after 2:30 p.m. on July 1, 2024, Cst. Odgaard was driving an unmarked black Chevrolet Tahoe and was in the process of repositioning his police vehicle to conduct a traffic stop near the intersection of North Government Avenue (Highway 3) and Campbell Street. While he was completing a U-turn, there was a collision between the Chevrolet and a grey Hyundai Tucson.

One of the four occupants of the Hyundai sustained serious injuries, while two others sustained minor injuries. The fourth occupant in the Hyundai was uninjured in the collision.