



Office of the
Police Complaint Commissioner

British Columbia, Canada

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**Public Hearing into the Complaint Against
Constable Nathan Brown**

Suspension of Proceedings

Victoria - The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) today announced that Adjudicator Dennis Overend, has been appointed to preside as Adjudicator in the Public Hearing into the complaints against Abbotsford Police Constable Nathan Brown.

On April 26, 2011, the OPCC received information from the Abbotsford Police Department outlining allegations of professional misconduct against Constable Nathan Brown. It is alleged that Constable Brown had consumed alcohol on the evening of April 14, 2011, and against the advice of a senior officer, Constable Brown then drove his assigned police vehicle home and he was involved in a single motor vehicle accident with a pole. Constable Brown continued to drive to his residence. It is further alleged that the following morning, Constable Brown falsely reported to his supervisors that he had been involved in a collision that morning on his way to work.

An Order for Investigation was issued by the OPCC and the Discipline Authority substantiated the allegations of discreditable conduct and deceit, and issued disciplinary measures in the form of a ten day suspension without pay and dismissal.

On April 13, 2012, Constable Brown, through his counsel, requested a public hearing which the OPCC has arranged. Upon the recommendation of the Associate Chief Justice of the British Columbia Supreme Court, retired Provincial Court Judge Dennis Overend has been appointed to preside as Adjudicator in these proceedings.

On October 13, 2011, the Criminal Justice Branch had approved a charge of obstruction of justice arising out of the circumstances of this matter. Therefore, until the conclusion of these criminal proceedings, the OPCC has suspended the Public Hearing as there exists two parallel

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proceedings which will engage identical issues and require testimony of the same witnesses. To continue with the *Police Act* proceedings at this time would prejudice the criminal prosecution.

A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing and Suspension of Proceedings are attached to this media release and published on the OPCC website (www.opcc.bc.ca).

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