

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner

British Columbia, Canada

Friday, September 28, 2012

OPCC ORDERS A PUBLIC HEARING

Victoria - The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner today announced a Public Hearing into the two allegations of deceit and one allegation of abuse of authority with respect to the complaint against Constable Adam Page (#369) of the Abbotsford Police Department.

On April 13, 2010, the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner received information from the Abbotsford Police Department's Professional Standards Section outlining allegations of professional misconduct by Constable Adam Page (#369). It was alleged that in either July or August of 2009, Constable Page pushed Mr. Kerr, who had been arrested for an alleged shoplifting, into a wall with sufficient force to dent the wall. It was further alleged that as Mr. Kerr was being escorted from the store, Constable Page pulled Mr. Kerr's arm in a manner that caused him pain.

On April 19, 2010, the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner, issued an Order for Investigation, pursuant to Section 93(1) of the *Police Act.*

After having reviewed the investigation and discipline proceedings into this matter to date, Stan T. Lowe, Police Complaint Commissioner, pursuant to section 138(1)(c)(i) and section 138(1)(d) of the *Police Act*, has determined that a public hearing into this matter is required as there is a reasonable basis to believe that the Discipline Authority's finding in terms of the allegations of deceit, are incorrect and that it is also necessary in the public interest.

Stan T. Lowe, Police Complaint Commissioner Pursuant to the recommendation of the Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, The Honourable Ian Pitfield, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, is appointed to preside as Adjudicator in these proceedings. Commission Counsel will be appointed by Mr. Lowe.

A date for the Public Hearing will be determined in the future.

Details may be found in the Notice of Public Hearing located at www.opcc.bc.ca

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