



Office of the
Police Complaint Commissioner

British Columbia, Canada

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OPCC ORDERS A PUBLIC HEARING

Victoria - The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner today announced a Public Hearing into allegations of police misconduct with respect to Constable Aaron Hill and Constable Aaron McRae of the Delta Police Department.

On September 27, 2011, the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner received a registered complaint from Mr. Edward Pecaskie in which he alleged that Constable Hill of the Delta Police Department used unnecessary force against him when he tackled him off of his bike and repeatedly smashed his face into the cement. Mr. Pecaskie further alleged that his IPOD and bicycle were damaged by Constable Hill and his partner, Constable McRae, and that one of the members kicked him in the ribs. Mr. Pecaskie's complaint was forwarded to the Professional Standards Section of the Delta Police Department for investigation.

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 findings are incorrect and that it is also necessary in the public interest.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, The Honourable Alan Filmer, Q.C., retired Judge of the Provincial Court of British Columbia, is appointed to preside as Adjudicator in these proceedings.

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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