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POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER ORDERS A PUBLIC HEARING

Victoria - The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner today announced a public hearing into allegations of police misconduct arising from an incident on December 26, 2011, involving Constable Christopher Charters of the Vancouver Poice Department.

On February 15, 2012, the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner received information from the Vancouver Police Department in which allegations of professional misconduct against Constable Christopher Charters were raised. The allegations included two counts of deceit and one count of neglect of duty.

The allegations were investigated and the matter was adjudicated through the police disciplinary process. The Discipline Authority determined misconduct had been proven in relation to some of the allegations and proposed dismissal as one of the disciplinary measures. Pursuant to the *Police Act*, the member may request a public hearing or review on the record where the discipline proposed is dismissal or a reduction in rank. Through his legal counsel, Constable Charters has requested a public hearing.

The Police Complaint Commissioner has determined that a public hearing is necessary in the public interest in relation to all of the allegations of professional misconduct against Constable Charters.

Upon the recommendation of the Associate Chief Justice of the British Columbia Supreme Court, former BC Court of Appeal Justice William B. Smart, is appointed to preside as Adjudicator in these proceedings, pursuant to section 142(2) of the *Police Act*.

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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