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OPCC disagrees with findings of Constable's discreditable conduct probe, orders review

VICTORIA – The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) has ordered a review into the findings of a discipline proceeding relating to an allegation of discreditable conduct against a Vancouver police officer.

Vancouver Police Department (VPD) Constable Neil Logan was investigated for discreditable conduct following allegations lodged against him by a former intimate partner for abusive, belligerent and aggressive behaviour while the two were on a trip together.

Of the allegations considered at the Discipline Proceeding, Constable Logan was found to have committed discreditable conduct under the *Police Act* in relation to punching the windshield of his vehicle in front of his partner. Other allegations related to assaultive and belligerent behaviours were not substantiated. The Discipline Authority recommended that the officer be suspended for six working days without pay and that he attend sessions to help manage his emotions.

The complainant expressed dissatisfaction with the disciplinary proceeding and the outcome.

In his Notice of Review issued today, the Police Complaint Commissioner highlighted several aspects of the disciplinary findings that point to the need for further review. The Honourable Brian Neal, Q.C., Retired Provincial Court Judge, will preside as the adjudicator of the Review on the Record, which has yet to be scheduled.

Updates on the review will be shared on the OPCC website.

The full notice of review is available here.

About the OPCC and Reviews on the Record:

- The Police Complaint Commissioner is a civilian, independent Officer of the Legislature overseeing complaints, investigations and discipline involving municipal police in British Columbia. For more on the OPCC, visit: https://opcc.bc.ca/about-us/
- Discipline Authorities are generally senior ranking police officers who are required under the *Police Act* to make determinations regarding the investigation and discipline of police officers alleged to have committed misconduct.
- A Review on the Record is a form of adjudicative review in which the adjudicator, a
 Retired Judge, conducts a "paper review" of all evidence and materials from the
 investigation and discipline hearing. The adjudicator may also receive submissions from
 the respondent's counsel, the Police Complaint Commissioner's counsel, the
 complainant and the Discipline Authority before rendering his/her decision. More on
 the OPCC's involvement in and processes for complaints involving police and
 misconduct allegations: https://opcc.bc.ca/police-faq/
- An adjudicator must determine whether there is misconduct and, if so, determine the
 corrective or disciplinary measures to be imposed. The adjudicator's decision at a
 Review on the Record is final and conclusive. In some cases, reviews can be focused
 solely on the issue of the discipline imposed.

Note to media: The OPCC is unable to comment on this review while it is underway. For general queries related to the OPCC's role and processes, please contact:

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