



Windsor Police Officer Faces Second Charge

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MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO -- (Marketwire) -- 08/12/10 -- Windsor Police Service officer who is facing one charge of Assault Causing Bodily Harm, contrary to s. 267(b) of the Criminal Code of Canada, is now facing a second charge of Public Mischief, contrary to s. 140 of the Criminal Code of Canada.



The charges against Detective David Van Buskirk are in relation to an incident which occurred on April 22, 2010. The SIU was notified that on this date, at approximately 5:00 p.m., a 37-year old man was arrested in the parking lot near the entrance door to Jackson Park Health Centre by Detective Van Buskirk, who was in plainclothes at the time. There was an interaction between the man and the officer, and the man sustained serious injuries to his facial area. As a result of the SIU investigation, a charge of Assault Causing Bodily Harm was laid against the officer on June 2, 2010. The charge of Public Mischief was laid today.

Detective Van Buskirk is required to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at 200 Chatham Street East in Windsor on August 26, 2010. The Justice Prosecutions branch of the Ministry of the Attorney General will have carriage of the prosecution.

As this matter is now before the courts, and in consideration of the fair trial interests of the charged officer and the community, the SIU will make no further comment pertaining to this investigation.

The SIU is an arm's length agency that investigates reports involving police where there has been death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault. Under the Police Services Act, the Director of the SIU must

- consider whether an officer has committed a criminal offence in connection with the incident under investigation
- depending on the evidence, lay a criminal charge against the officer if appropriate or close the file without any charges being laid
- report the results of any investigations to the Attorney General.

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