



Office of the
Police Complaint Commissioner

British Columbia, Canada

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**OPCC TO REVIEW THE DECISION OF
CHIEF CONSTABLE DAVE JONES INVOLVING
TWO VICTORIA POLICE OFFICERS**

Victoria - On March 21, 2010 an incident involving two members of the Victoria Police Department was recorded and uploaded to YouTube and posted on the City of Victoria's Facebook page. The segment depicts the actions of Acting Sergeant Bowser and Constable Robinson in relation to the aftermath of an altercation involving 6 to 8 males. The YouTube video garnered significant media coverage and attention in the public domain.

The OPCC ordered an investigation into the incident, and Chief Constable Jamie Graham of the Victoria Police Department, delegated his role of discipline authority externally to Chief Constable David Jones of the New Westminster Police Services in relation to the conduct of the Officers.

An external criminal investigation was undertaken by the Vancouver Police Department and forwarded to the Criminal Justice Branch for charge assessment. The Branch subsequently did not approve charges in the matter.

A Police Act investigation was undertaken externally by the Calgary Police Service, and a discipline proceeding was presided over by Chief Constable Jones. On November 29, 2011, Chief Constable David Jones released his decision with respect to this incident and determined that the allegations against the members were not substantiated by the evidence.

The Police Complaint Commissioner is currently reviewing the decision of Chief Constable Jones. A decision on whether to arrange a Public Hearing, Review on the Record or confirm the decision, is expected by the end of January 2012.

This incident has garnered significant public attention through the media and the internet. Many aspects of the incident form part of the public domain.

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The Commissioner has determined that pursuant to the provisions of the Police Act, it is in the public interest to disclose the decision of Chief Constable Dave Jones to the public.

A copy Chief Constable Jones decision is attached to this media statement and can be found on the OPCC website (www.opcc.bc.ca).

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