

Summary of Investigation SiRT File # 2013-036 Public Referral Halifax Regional Police Service December 3, 2013

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Facts

On December 3, 2013 SiRT received information from a member of the public relating to Cst. Chris Mosher, 30, of the Halifax Regional Police. The information alleged a breach of his court imposed release conditions that occurred at Lantz, Nova Scotia. Cst. Mosher had been charged on February 6, 2013, with sexual assault and administering a noxious thing with intent to aggrieve, arising out of matters from November 2 and 3, 2012. Those matters are now set for trial in Provincial Court in Dartmouth on April 13 to 15, 2015. He has been subject to a court order containing release conditions in the meantime.

SiRT commenced an investigation in relation to the breach allegation on December 3, which was concluded on April 22, 2014. During the investigation, 14 civilian witnesses were interviewed, and other evidence was obtained.

As of April 24, 2014, Cst. Mosher will face four new charges. Those charges will relate to allegations that Cst. Mosher:

- 1. Breached his court order in Lantz, Hants County, on or about February 3, 2013 by consuming alcohol;
- 2. Breached his court order between December 11, 2012 and August 15, 2013 at or near Dartmouth, Nova Scotia by consuming alcohol;
- 3. Breached his court order between August 15 and September 21, 2013 at or near Dartmouth, Nova Scotia by possessing and consuming alcohol;
- 4. Breached his court order between August 15 and September 21, 2013 at or near Halifax, Nova Scotia by possessing and consuming alcohol.

Relevant Legal Issues

The offence of Breach of Undertaking is committed when a person performs an act that is prohibited by the terms of the relevant court order. Any such offence must be proven in Court beyond a reasonable doubt before the accused can be found guilty.

Conclusion

This report is filed to meet the requirements of the *Police Act*, which mandates that the SiRT Director file a public summary of an investigation within three months of its completion. However, this matter is currently before the courts. In accordance with SiRT policy, this report will not discuss the facts of the matter in any further detail. To do otherwise might compromise the fair trial interests of the accused. The Serious Incident Response Team Regulations under the *Police Act* state that the Director may choose to provide a supplemental summary of the investigation at the conclusion of the prosecution.