

SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT
RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2018-040

Referral from

Cape Breton Regional Police

October 21, 2018

Felix Cacchione

Director

April 2, 2019

Facts

The Cape Breton Regional Police Service contacted SiRT on October 21, 2018 regarding a complaint of domestic assault alleged to have been committed by Cst. Kris Planetta, one of their members, earlier that day. SiRT was advised that the member had been arrested at the scene, removed from the matrimonial home and released later that same day on an undertaking with conditions.

SiRT is mandated to investigate all allegations of domestic violence and/or assault against a police officer under the provisions of the *Police Act*. SiRT began its investigation into the matter on October 21, 2018 and completed it on November 6, 2018.

Statements were taken on October 21, 2018 from both the affected party (AP) and Cst. Planetta. In her initial statement, the AP referred to a previous incident of domestic violence having occurred in February 2017. A more detailed statement regarding the February 2017 occurrence together with time stamped photographs taken shortly after that incident were obtained from the AP on October 22, 2018. A further statement taken from the AP on October 23, 2018 addressed allegations made against her by Cst. Planetta.

An information charging, Cst. Kris Planetta, with counts of assault alleged to have occurred on October and February 17, 2017 was laid on October 31, 2018. The accused appeared in court on December 11, 2018 and entered pleas of not guilty to both counts. A trial has been scheduled for August 14, 2019.

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. As this matter is currently before the courts and in accordance with SiRT policy, this report will not discuss the facts of the matter in any further detail. To do so might compromise the fair trial interests of the accused.

The Serious Incident Response Team Regulations made under the *Police Act* allow the director, should he/she choose, to provide a supplemental summary of the investigation at the conclusion of the prosecution.