

SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT
RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2017-029

Referral from

RCMP – Colchester District

September 18, 2017

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Director

May 17, 2018

On September 18, 2017, SiRT began an investigation into gun shot wounds sustained by a 49-year-old male, the Affected Party (“AP”). These wounds were the result of gun shots fired by three RCMP officers, Subject Officers (“SOs”) during an interaction which occurred following a police pursuit. The investigation was concluded on March 12, 2018.

Shortly before midnight on September 17, 2017, the Colchester District RCMP were investigating a homicide in Bayhead, NS. While doing so, members of the RCMP engaged a vehicle in the area which they suspected as being operated by a person sought in relation to the homicide investigation.

The operator of that vehicle failed to stop for RCMP and led them on a pursuit which ended when the operator drove into Lockerbie Memorial Cemetery, Highway 6, Tatamagouche and took up a position at the edge of the property.

Officers verbally engaged with the individual for several hours in attempts to have him surrender, however, shortly prior to 7 a.m. gunfire was exchanged and the suspect was wounded by the RCMP officers.

This SiRT investigation has led to the conclusion there are no grounds to pursue charges against any of the Subject Officers. However, as the matter of the initial investigation into the homicide is now 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 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.