



Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2013-022

Public Referral

Halifax Regional Police Service

August 22, 2013

Ronald J. MacDonald, QC
Director
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Facts

On August 23, 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 in Lunenburg. 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 3rd, 2012. He is set to return to Provincial Court in Dartmouth on June 17, 2014 for a preliminary inquiry. He was subject to a court order containing release conditions in the meantime.

SiRT commenced an investigation in relation to the breach allegation on August 26, which was concluded on September 23, 2013. During the investigation 14 civilian witnesses were interviewed, and a variety of other evidence was seized.

On September 24, 2013, new charges were laid against Cst. Mosher. He was charged with two counts of breaching his court undertaking, by allegedly drinking outside of his residence and also in the presence of a woman who is not a family member. The charges relate to matters alleged to have occurred in Lunenburg on the night of August 22, 2013.

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, returning to Bridgewater Provincial Court on January 20, 2014 for the entry of plea. 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.