

SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT
RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2024-005

Referral from

RCMP

January 11, 2024

Erin E. Nauss
Director
July 11, 2024

MANDATE OF THE SiRT

The Serious Incident Response Team (“SiRT”) has a mandate under the Nova Scotia *Police Act* to investigate all matters that involve death, serious injury, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence or other matters of a public interest to be investigated that may have arisen from the actions of any police officer in Nova Scotia.

At the conclusion of every investigation, the SiRT Director must determine whether criminal charges should result from the actions of the police officer. If no charges are warranted the Director will issue a public summary of the investigation which outlines the reasons for that decision.

In cases where charges are laid, and since the matter is currently before the courts, this report will not discuss the facts of the matter.

SUMMARY

On January 11, 2024, the RCMP contacted the SiRT after a female, alleged they had been sexually assaulted by one of their officers in 2023. The female and the officer are known to each other. The SiRT began an investigation into the matter that day. I have determined that there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an off-duty RCMP officer committed a criminal offence.

On July 11, 2024, Constable William McNutt was charged with 3 counts of sexual assault contrary to s. 271 of the Criminal Code, 1 count of overcoming resistance to commission of an offence, contrary to section 246(a) of the Criminal Code, and 1 count of uttering threats, contrary to section 264.1(1) of the Criminal Code.

Constable McNutt will appear before the Nova Scotia Provincial Court at 5 Mill Village Road, Shubenacadie, NS, on September 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.