

# SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT  
RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2024-093

Referral from

Bridgewater Police Service

December 22, 2024

Erin E. Naus  
Director  
January 31, 2025

**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 and due to requirements of the Serious Incident Response Team Regulations made under the *Police Act*, this report will not discuss the facts of the matter.

**SUMMARY**

On December 22, 2024, the Bridgewater Police Service contacted SiRT regarding an incident involving an RCMP officer that took place on December 20, 2024. 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 relating to an incident involving a female known to him.

On January 31, 2025, Constable Reece Smith was charged with assault contrary to s. 266 of the Criminal Code.

Constable Smith will appear before the Nova Scotia Provincial Court at 141 High Street, Bridgewater, NS, on February 19, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.