SIRT SERIOUS INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation SiRT File # 2019-027 Public Referral Involving Cape Breton Regional Police August 20, 2019

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The Affected Person (AP) contacted the SiRT on August 20, 2019 and alleged that during a search of their residence on August 7, 2018, conducted under the authority of a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act warrant, police officers seized a quantity of money much larger than the amount noted in the police report filed after the search. An investigation was commenced that day and concluded on March 8, 2022.

The following evidence was obtained, reviewed and considered in the preparation of this report: audio statement of one Civilian Witness, audio statement of the AP, audio and/or written statements of five Witness Officers, notes and police reports of the four Subject Officers (SO), as well as occurrence reports. The SOs voluntarily provided their notes and reports to the investigators despite not being legally required to do so.

A careful review was completed of all the evidence gathered during this extensive investigation which spanned 31 months. No evidence gathered during this investigation establishes there being reasonable and probable grounds to believe that any criminal offence was committed by any of the four SOs.

Relevant legal issues:

Whether the SOs committed a theft.

A theft is committed when a person takes property which belongs to another person or other entity without consent.

Conclusion:

There being no reasonable and probable grounds for believing that any criminal offence was committed by any of the SOs, this matter is concluded with no indication of any wrongdoing. Accordingly, this file is closed.