

# SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT  
RESPONSE TEAM

## Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2021-033

Halifax Regional Police

December 2, 2021

Felix Cacchione  
Director  
February 11, 2022

On the evening of December 2, 2021 SiRT was contacted by the Halifax Regional Police who reported an incident of sexual assault on the Affected Person (AP) by an officer of the Halifax police in the summer of 2020. An investigation was commenced on December 2, 2021 and concluded on January 7, 2022.

Information obtained during the investigation from the AP, three police officers, the Subject Officer (SO), three civilian witnesses and other evidence was reviewed and considered.

On January 10, 2022 one charge of sexual assault was laid against Constable Steven Mason. Constable Mason is scheduled to appear in Halifax Provincial Court on February 15, 2022.

**Relevant legal issue:**

Sexual assault is the intentional application of force to another person, without that person's consent, in circumstances of a sexual nature.

Where reasonable and probable grounds exist to believe a criminal offence has been committed, the director may charge a police officer. Any offence must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt before the accused can be found guilty.

**Conclusion:**

This investigation has led to the conclusion that there are sufficient grounds to lay a charge against Constable Steven Mason. This matter is currently before the courts therefore 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.