

SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT
RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2022-006

RCMP

February 21, 2022

John Scott
Interim Director
September 1, 2022

On the afternoon of February 21, 2022, SiRT was contacted by the RCMP who reported an allegation of assault on an Affected Person (AP) by a member of the RCMP, Northeast Nova District. The incident is alleged to have occurred on February 21, 2022. An investigation began that day and concluded on June 20, 2022.

Information obtained during the investigation included a statement from the AP, statements from three police officers, including a cautioned statement given to the SiRT investigator by the Subject Officer (SO) and statements from seven civilian witnesses. The notes and reports of three police officers including the SO, a report from a fourth officer, photos and medical records of the AP, dental records of the SO, photos and a video of the Aberdeen Hospital, as well as a diagram of the Emergency Department area were also reviewed and considered.

On August 31, 2022, two charges, one charge of assault and one charge of choking were laid against Cpl. Mark Kellock. Cpl. Kellock is scheduled to appear in Pictou Provincial Court on September 26, 2022.

Relevant legal issue:

An assault is committed whenever a person intentionally applies force against another person without their consent.

Where reasonable grounds exist to believe a criminal offence has been committed, the interim director may charge the 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 two charges against Cpl. Mark Kellock. 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.