

SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT
RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2022-021

RCMP

May 16, 2022

John Scott
Interim Director
September 16, 2022

On the 16th day of May 2022, SiRT received a referral from the Halifax District RCMP regarding an incident that occurred on May 14th, 2022 on Highway 104, in or around the Mount Thom area. The incident involved two members of the Northeast Nova Traffic Services Unit and an off-duty member of the Cole Harbour Detachment. An investigation commenced on May 16, 2022 and concluded on July 28, 2022.

Information obtained during the investigation included the handwritten notes and reports of the two police officers, in car video and audio recordings of the interaction between the two officers and the Subject Officer (SO), an audio-visual statement from a civilian witness and a statement from the SO.

On September 8, 2022, a charge of obstructing a peace officer in the execution of his duty was laid against Cst. Kwame Amoateng. Cst. Amoateng is scheduled to appear in Pictou Provincial Court on October 3, 2022.,

Relevant legal issue:

An obstruction is committed when a peace officer cannot perform their lawful duties by the actions or inactions of a person or persons interfering with the officer performing their lawful duties.

Where reasonable grounds exist to believe a criminal offence has been committed, the interim director may charge the peace 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 one charge against Cst. Kwame Amoateng. 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.