

# SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT  
RESPONSE TEAM

## Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2023-016

Referral from

RCMP

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Alonzo Wright, KC  
Director  
July 19, 2023

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, SiRT was contacted by the by the RCMP, who reported a driving incident that involved one of the members of the Annapolis District. The incident is alleged to have occurred on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. SiRT began its investigation on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and concluded it on July 11, 2023.

Information obtained during the investigation included, but was not limited to, a statement from the AP, a statement from a civilian witness, video evidence and a reconstruction report.

On July 11, 2023, a charge of failing to drive on the right-hand side of the road was laid against Cst. Murray John MacLeod. Cst. MacLeod will appear on August 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at the Kentville Provincial Court House, 87 Cornwallis Street, Kentville NS.

**RELEVANT LEGAL ISSUE:**

Failing to drive on the right-hand side of the road is committed whenever a person intentionally or unintentionally operates their vehicle on the side of the roadway that is designed for traffic moving in the opposite direction.

Where reasonable grounds exist to believe an offence has been committed, the 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 a charge against Cst. MacLeod. 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.