

# SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT  
RESPONSE TEAM

## Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2024-081

Referral from

RCMP

November 7, 2024

Erin E. Nauss  
Director  
June 23, 2025

## **MANDATE OF THE SiRT**

The Serious Incident Response Team (“SiRT”) has a mandate to investigate all matters that involve death, serious injury, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence or other matters determined to be of a public interest to be investigated that may have arisen from the actions of any police officer in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This mandate encompasses incidents that occur on or off-duty, to avoid the real or perceived bias of police investigating police.

At the conclusion of every investigation, the SiRT Director must determine if criminal charges should result from the actions of the police officer. If no charges are warranted the Director will issue a public summary of the investigation which outlines the reasons for that decision, which must include the information set out by regulation.

In cases where charges are laid, and since the matter is currently before the courts, this report will not discuss the facts of the matter.

## **SUMMARY**

On November 7, 2024, the RCMP contacted SiRT after a female alleged they had been sexually assaulted by one of their officers in May 2024. The female and the officer are known to each other. SiRT began an investigation into the matter that day. I have determined that there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an off-duty RCMP officer committed a criminal offence.

On June 23, 2025, Constable William McNutt was charged with sexual assault contrary to s. 271 of the Criminal Code.

Constable McNutt will appear before the Nova Scotia Provincial Court at 5 Mill Village Road, Shubenacadie, NS, on August 11, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.