



Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2025-0031

Referral from

Grand Falls Police

New Brunswick

March 31, 2025

Erin E. Nauss
Director
February 10, 2026

SiRT's MANDATE

The Serious Incident Response Team (“SiRT”) has a mandate under the Nova Scotia *Police Act* and through agreement under the New Brunswick *Police Act* to investigate all matters that involve death, serious injury, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence or other matters 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 whether criminal charges should result from the actions of the police officer. 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 and may only include what is required by regulation.

SUMMARY

On March 31, 2025, Grand Falls Police (GFP) contacted SiRT regarding information that suggested an active GFP member had engaged in inappropriate contact with a minor. Following an investigation, I have determined there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that Cst. Paul Lavoie committed criminal offences.

On February 10, 2026, Cst. Paul Lavoie was charged with making sexually explicit material available to a child under the age of eighteen years; making sexually explicit material available to a child under the age of sixteen years; luring a child under the age of eighteen; luring a child under the age of sixteen; and breach of trust by a public officer. The offences are alleged to have occurred on or between February 10, 2025 and March 22, 2025.

Cst. Lavoie will appear in Edmundston Provincial Court, 121 Rue de l'Église, on April 7, 2026, at 9:30 am.