

# SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT  
RESPONSE TEAM

## Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2025-0079

Referral from

Saint John Police Force

New Brunswick

July 10, 2025

Erin E. Nauss  
Director  
March 27, 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 July 10, 2025, Saint John Police Force (SJPF) contacted SiRT regarding the use of force during an arrest by one of their on-duty officers on July 5, 2025. SJPF provided additional details to SiRT on August 29, 2025. After reviewing the available information, it was determined the file did not meet the SiRT mandate for an investigation. In early November 2025, the New Brunswick Public Prosecution Services referred this incident to SiRT independently due to concerns related to the officer’s use of force. SiRT subsequently learned that the AP had sustained serious injuries during his arrest, which meets SiRT’s mandate for an investigation.

Following this investigation, I have determined there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that Cst. Michael Jackson committed a criminal offence.

On March 27, 2026, Cst. Michael Jackson was charged with assault causing bodily harm, contrary to s. 267(b) and assault with a weapon, contrary to s. 267(a) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*. The alleged date of the offence is July 5, 2025.

Cst. Jackson will appear before the Saint John Provincial Court, 10 Peel Plaza, on June 15, 2026 at 9:30 am.