

SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT
RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2022-024

RCMP

New Brunswick

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Interim Director
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MANDATE OF THE SiRT

The Serious Incident Response Team (“SiRT”) has a mandate under the Nova Scotia *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. Through agreement and the New Brunswick *Police Act*, the SiRT is authorized to review this matter in New Brunswick.

At the conclusion of every investigation, the SiRT Director must determine whether 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 at a minimum the information set out by regulation. Public summaries are drafted with the goal of adequate information to allow the public to understand the Director’s rationale and conclusions.

In cases like this one these where charges were laid, and since the matter was before the courts, in accordance with SiRT policy, this report will not discuss the facts of that matter in detail.

INCIDENT SUMMARY

On May 31st, 2022, the Nova Scotia Serious Incident Response Team received a request from the Saint John Police Force to investigate the actions of an RCMP officer.

It was alleged that the male officer had committed a sexual assault and an assault on a female known to him. SiRT began their investigation that day and on September 27th, 2022, SiRT laid five charges against Constable Osama Ibrahim, a 29-year-old officer with the Western Valley Region Detachment. In the course of its investigation, the SiRT interviewed twelve civilian witnesses and seven witness officers.

Constable Ibrahim was charged with sexual assault, assault, the use of or threatening to use a weapon during an assault, choking during an assault, and breach of trust. The offences were alleged to have been committed between December 1st, 2021, and February 23, 2022, in Saint John, New Brunswick.

CONCLUSION

After a review of the evidence, the investigation led to the conclusion that there were sufficient grounds to lay charges. On September 27, 2022, charges for sexual assault, assault, the use of or threatening to use a weapon during an assault, choking during an assault, and breach of trust were laid against Osama Ibrahim.

Following a Provincial Court trial, on December 12, 2023, Ibrahim was found guilty of assault, choking during an assault, carrying, using, or threatening to use a weapon during an assault and breach of trust. He was acquitted on the charge of sexual assault. On January 26, 2024, he was sentenced to a two-year conditional sentence order, which includes nine months house arrest.