

SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT
RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2024-011

Referral from

RCMP “J” Division

January 29, 2024

Erin E. Nauss
Director
February 19, 2025

MANDATE OF THE SiRT

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 determined to be of a public interest to be investigated that may have arisen from the actions of any police officer in Nova Scotia or 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.

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 January 29, 2024, the RCMP contacted SiRT regarding an incident that came to their attention involving an officer who had taken and shared intimate images of a male in custody without his knowledge on April 28, 2023. I have determined that there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that the RCMP officer committed criminal offences

On February 19, 2025, Constable Jonathan Murphy was charged with distribution of intimate images without consent contrary to s. 162.1(1)(a) of the *Criminal Code* and breach of trust by a public officer, contrary to s. 122(a) of the *Criminal Code*.

Constable Murphy will appear before the Saint John Provincial Court at 10 Peel Plaza, Saint John, NB, on February 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.