

SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT
RESPONSE TEAM

Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2024-019

Referral from

RCMP “J” Division

April 15, 2024

Erin E. Naus
Director
October 21, 2024

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.

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.

SUMMARY

On April 15, 2024, the SiRT received a referral from the RCMP “J” Division regarding missing and unaccounted for exhibits, including cash, that had been previously seized in the course of an investigation. I have determined there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that Constable Christopher Sorensen, a member of Provincial Crime Reduction Unit located in Woodstock, New Brunswick committed criminal offences.

On October 21, 2024, Constable Christopher Sorensen was charged with 4 counts of theft, contrary to s. 334 of the *Criminal Code* and 1 count of breach of trust by public officer, contrary to s. 122 of the *Criminal Code*.

Constable Christopher Sorensen will appear before the New Brunswick Provincial Court at 689 Main Street, Woodstock, New Brunswick on October 30, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.