



Serious Incident Response Team

NEWS RELEASE

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Investigation into Serious Incident Involving an RCMP Officer in Clarenville; Charges Laid

An investigation into a June 2019 incident involving an off-duty RCMP officer has resulted in charges under the Criminal Code. The subject officer, Corporal Steven C. Blackmore, is now retired. He was an active officer, but on leave, at the time of the incident. He has been charged with:

1. Assault; and
2. Forcible Confinement.

The retired officer has been released on an Appearance Notice and given a court date for January 26, 2023.

SIRT-NL director Michael King advised today that the RCMP notified SIRT-NL of an allegation that an RCMP member had assaulted an adult male while off duty. Following the notification, SIRT-NL identified a conflict of interest and, for that reason, referred the matter to the RNC for investigation with civilian oversight. The RNC provided SIRT-NL with the results of its investigation.

SIRT-NL is a civilian led oversight agency, which conducts its own investigations into serious incidents. Serious incidents within this context are those involving serious injury, death, sexual offence, domestic violence or any matter of significant public interest arising from the actions of a police officer in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Because this matter will now proceed through court, SIRT-NL will make no further comment.

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