



Serious Incident Response Team

NEWS RELEASE

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SIRT-NL Investigation into Serious Incidents Involving an RCMP Officer in Corner Brook; Charges Laid

An SIRT-NL investigation into several incidents involving an RCMP officer has resulted in charges under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and the Criminal Code. SIRT-NL director Michael King has charged the subject officer, Constable Michael Hann, with:

1. Possession of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine) for the purpose of trafficking;
2. Unauthorized Use of a Computer; and
3. Breach of Trust.

The officer has been given a court date for April 18, 2023.

Director King advised today that the RCMP notified him of an allegation an RCMP member was involved in illegal activity. Following the notification, King directed that SIRT-NL take over the investigation. King issued a media release on June 27, 2022 advising the subject officer had been arrested. The investigation has been ongoing since that time.

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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