



Serious Incident Response Team

NEWS RELEASE

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SIRT-NL Investigation into a Serious Incident Involving an RCMP Officer in Corner Brook; Charge Laid

A SIRT-NL investigation into a May 15, 2022 incident in Corner Brook, involving an off-duty RCMP officer, has resulted in a charge under the **Criminal Code**. Nobody was harmed during the incident. SIRT-NL director Michael King has charged the subject officer, Cst. Marc Payne, with:

1. Careless Use of a Firearm, pursuant to s. 86(1) of the **Criminal Code**.

The subject officer has been given a court date for April 16, 2024 at 9:30am.

Director King advised today that SIRT-NL received notification of the alleged offence from the RCMP. Following the report, King directed a SIRT-NL 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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