



Serious Incident Response Team

NEWS RELEASE

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SIRT-NL Investigation into Serious Incidents Involving a former RCMP Officer in North West River; Charges Laid

A SIRT-NL investigation into several incidents, from 1997 to 2001, involving a retired RCMP officer, has resulted in charges under the **Criminal Code**. SIRT-NL director Michael King has charged the subject officer, Albert Charles Michelin, with:

1. Touching the body of a person under 14 years of age, for a sexual purpose;
2. Sexual assault, causing bodily harm; and
3. Breach of Trust.

The subject has been released on conditions and given a court date for June 22, 2023 at 9:30am.

Director King advised today that SIRT-NL received notification of the alleged offences from the RCMP. Following the report, King directed a SIRT-NL investigation. The subject officer was an active police officer at the time of the alleged offences.

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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