



Serious Incident Response Team

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Investigation into March 4, 2020 breach of trust: RCMP finds no criminal conduct; SIRT-NL finds investigation was properly conducted.

The independent investigation into a suspected breach of trust by an RNC officer has concluded. Mike King, Director of the Serious Incident Response Team, Newfoundland and Labrador (SIRT-NL), advised today that the RCMP provided him with the results of their investigation, which revealed no criminal conduct on the part of the RNC officer.

The RNC initially requested the independent investigation into the suspected breach of trust by a Government of NL Cabinet Minister and an RNC officer. SIRT-NL engaged the RCMP to conduct the independent investigation, with SIRT-NL oversight and review. As SIRT-NL's investigative mandate does not extend beyond police officers in NL, SIRT-NL is not concerned with the investigation into the Cabinet Minister.

SIRT-NL found the RCMP's investigation with respect to the RNC officer was conducted properly, using best practices. Investigators took all investigative steps appropriate in the circumstances. There was no evidence of bias, tunnel vision or lack of objectivity on the part of the investigating agency.

SIRT-NL is a civilian led oversight agency. Once it is fully operational, SIRT-NL will conduct 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.

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