



## Serious Incident Response Team

June 21, 2023

### **UPDATE: Officer-Involved Shooting in St. John's**

Today, Michael King, Director of the Serious Incident Response Team of Newfoundland and Labrador, advised the following:

SIRT-NL can confirm the man involved in the June 12 police shooting was a new Canadian. We have obtained information the man had been estranged from his family for a number of years. Despite our extensive efforts, we have been unable to notify next of kin of the incident. We have engaged the services of Interpol Operations, who have assigned an investigator to locate the family. Out of respect for the family and its privacy, SIRT-NL will not release the identity of the deceased until we have properly notified next of kin, or until we have exhausted all possible avenues to do so.

To date, the public has been helpful in providing relevant information. We have seized numerous exhibits, obtained video footage and interviewed over 30 individuals – both police officers and civilians. Like every investigation we conduct, we do not issue further comment on the information we gather, while the investigation is ongoing. As the province's police oversight agency, while SIRT-NL endeavors to be as transparent as possible, we will not release information that could potentially compromise an investigation. This would not be in the public's interest. Civilian Director Michael King will release a full report on the matter at the conclusion of the investigation and/or court proceeding. This report will detail the nature of the incident, the evidence gathered, the Director's conclusion and reasons.