



Serious Incident Response Team

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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 identity of the man involved in the June 12 police shooting as 38-year-old Omar Mohammed. We have now exhausted all efforts to notify the family of the deceased, but have been unable to do so. As previously advised, we have met with friends of the deceased, obtained all relevant information they could provide and we have passed this information on to Interpol.

We have confirmed the identity of the deceased with his closest friend and roommate. We have also reached out to other members of the Sudanese community. We are releasing the deceased's identity publically and asking that anyone who has information respecting the deceased and his family connections, please contact SIRT-NL at (709) 738-7478, toll free at 1-888-738-7478 or via email at sirtinfo@sirtnl.ca.

This is an ongoing criminal homicide investigation. We are still in the fact-finding process. Homicide investigations, in particular, due to their complexity and volume, take time. At the conclusion of this investigation, civilian Director Michael King will determine whether a charge will be laid. At this early stage, while we are making significant progress, we do not know what the outcome will be. Thus, it would be pre-mature to release any further detail as this would compromise the integrity of the investigation and any potential subsequent court proceedings.

We understand the public's desire for more information in relation to this death. As previously advised, more information will be released in the Director's Report upon the conclusion of our investigation and/or court proceeding.