

# SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT  
RESPONSE TEAM

## Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2022-003

RCMP

February 2, 2022

Felix Cacchione  
Director  
March 14, 2022

On the afternoon of February 2, 2022, SiRT was contacted by the RCMP who reported an allegation of assault on an Affected Person (AP) by a member of the RCMP, Northeast Nova District. The incident is alleged to have occurred on January 26, 2022. An investigation began that day and concluded on March 14, 2022.

Information obtained during the investigation included a statement from the AP, statements from eight police officers, and five civilian witnesses. The notes of three police officers and a video were also reviewed and considered.

On March 14, 2022, two charges of assault were laid against Constable Aaron Brown. Constable Brown is scheduled to appear in Sydney Provincial Court on May 17, 2022.

**Relevant legal issue:**

An assault is committed whenever a person intentionally applies force against another person without their consent.

Where reasonable grounds exist to believe a criminal offence has been committed, the director may charge the police officer. Any offence must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt before the accused can be found guilty.

**Conclusion:**

This investigation has led to the conclusion that there are sufficient grounds to lay two charges against Constable Aaron Brown. This matter is currently before the courts therefore this report will not discuss the facts of the matter in any further detail. To do otherwise might compromise the fair trial interests of the accused.