

# SiRT

SERIOUS INCIDENT  
RESPONSE TEAM

## Summary of Investigation

SiRT File # 2022-047

Referral from

RCMP

December 13, 2022

Alonzo Wright, KC  
Director  
March 8, 2023

On December 13, 2022, SiRT was contacted by the RCMP Eskasoni FN Detachment who reported an allegation of Indecent Exposure on an Affected Person (AP) by a RCMP officer, the Subject Officer (SO). The incident is alleged to have occurred in 2021. An investigation began on December 13, 2022, and concluded on February 2, 2023.

Information was obtained during the investigation from the AP and various members of the RCMP.

One charge of Indecent Exposure, contrary to 173(1) of the Code, was laid against Cst. (Terrance) Justin Sanford. Cst. Sanford is scheduled to appear at the Sydney Nova Scotia Courthouse on April 28, 2023.

**Relevant legal issue:**

An Indecent Exposure is committed whenever a person intentionally does an indecent act in a public place where one or more persons are present.

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 a charge against Cst. Sanford. 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.