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RCMP member charged following ASIRT investigation

On Nov. 15, 2017, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a 26-year-old man by members of the RCMP that occurred in Nisku, Alberta.

On that same day, the subject officer entered a gas station where a confrontation occurred when the officer placed the man under arrest for possession of stolen property. During the arrest, the officer is alleged to have used both physical force and a pair of handcuffs to strike the man. Following the arrest, it was determined that the man had sustained serious injury, including an orbital floor facial fracture.

ASIRT conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident. Upon review, it was determined that the evidence raised reasonable grounds to believe that an offence or offences had been committed. As required under the *Police Act*, the complete investigative file was forwarded to the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service (ACPS) for a determination on whether it met the standard for prosecution. Having been advised by ACPS that the case meets the Crown standard for prosecution, and having carefully reviewed the investigation, and there being reasonable grounds to believe that offences were committed, ASIRT executive director, Ms. Susan D. Hughson, Q.C., made the determination that the involved officer should be charged accordingly.

Today, Cpl. Peter MacMillan, a member of the RCMP, has been charged with one count of assault causing bodily harm and one count of assault with a weapon, to wit: handcuffs.

Cpl. MacMillan was served with an appearance notice, and is required to appear in Leduc Provincial Court on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019.

As these matters are now before the courts, ASIRT will not provide any further information in relation to these incidents.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently and objectively investigate incidents involving Alberta's police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of police misconduct.

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