

Statement from Erin Nauss, Director, Serious Incident Response Team, April 2, 2026

I can confirm that a SiRT investigator spoke with the previous and current Director of Indige-Watch as part of the investigation into this tragic incident. I want to say that it was never my intention to make anyone feel as though their words were not captured correctly. Based on those conversations it was understood by SiRT that this was not a situation in which Indige-Watch would have attended. Throughout the investigation it was discovered that at the time there was no official agreement between Indige-Watch and the RCMP. I fully understand the perception that calling Indige-Watch could have potentially changed the outcome, and this perspective was considered. However, SiRT's mandate is narrow and specific to the assessment of the facts and the law to determine whether criminal charges are warranted. This means that while SiRT believes in the important work of Indige-Watch, the timing of the call to Indige-Watch does not impact the decision on charges in this file.

SiRT's mandate does not provide me with the authority to give recommendations and insight into larger issues such as systemic racism and the way policing and other support services are delivered.

In cases where no charges are laid, I provide very detailed reports outlining the facts, evidence, and reasoning for my decisions. I am always open to answering questions whenever possible and reasonable, to help people better understand, and I hope that this statement provides more clarity. I do not believe there is anything that undermines the integrity of this SiRT investigation or others.

SiRT retains its records in full for decades and has all records for each SiRT investigation since its inception in 2012 .

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a statement.