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RCMP officer charged following IIU investigation into alleged sexual assault

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has charged a member of the RCMP with sexual assault and sexual interference following an investigation.

The IIU first advised it had launched an investigation into this matter on July 27, 2020.

The IIU has conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances of this incident. IIU Civilian Director Zane Tessler is satisfied there are reasonable grounds to believe a criminal offence occurred and has authorized charges of sexual assault and sexual interference under section 271 and 151 of the *Criminal Code*.

The RCMP member was arrested and released on an undertaking and will appear in Provincial Court.

Due to the sensitive nature of these charges, the IIU will not be releasing any additional details and will not comment further on its investigation. All other interested parties, including the victim and the police service, have been advised of the IIU decision.

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