

LEVEL 2

# ASIRT DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF AN ASSAULT ALLEGATION IN  
FORT MCMURRAY ON NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

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## Introduction

On Dec. 3, 2025, pursuant to s. 43.4(1) of the *Police Act*, the Chief Executive Officer of the Police Review Commission directed the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) to investigate an allegation of assault in Fort McMurray involving an off-duty RCMP officer on Nov. 30, 2025, as a Level 2 complaint. This suspect officer (SO) was not formally designated as a subject officer. ASIRT's investigation is now complete.

This decision relates to a Level 2 matter under the *Police Act*. Level 2 matters involve allegations of criminal conduct by a police officer that do not meet the threshold for a Level 1 matter and are investigated by ASIRT following classification by the Police Review Commission.

## ASIRT's Investigation

ASIRT's investigation was comprehensive, thorough, and conducted using current investigative protocols.

ASIRT investigators obtained RCMP interviews of the following civilians:

- The affected person (AP);

- Civilian witness #1 (CW1), who worked with the AP as a Safety and Compliance Officer but did not witness the incident;

- Civilian witness #2 (CW2), who was the AP's supervisor but did not witness the incident; and

- Civilian witness #3 (CW3), who was a resident of the unit that the AP was working in but did not witness the incident.

ASIRT investigators obtained notes or reports or both from the following police officers:

- Witness officer #1 (WO1), who conducted RCMP interviews;

- Witness officer #2 (WO2), who monitored the interviews done by WO1;

- Witness officer #3 (WO3), who responded to the incident and spoke to the AP and the SO; and

- Witness officer #4 (WO4), who responded with WO3.

ASIRT investigators obtained video from the apartment building where the incident occurred and 911 audio from the incident.

## Circumstances Surrounding the Incident

On Nov. 30, 2025, the AP, a plumber, went to an apartment building in Fort McMurray for an emergency call of a leak. He went to the apartment with the water leaking into it and then, suspecting it to be the source of the leak, went to the apartment above it.

That apartment was occupied by the SO. The SO is an RCMP officer and was suspended at that time. As part of his suspension, he was not to identify himself as an RCMP officer.

The AP said that he knocked on the apartment door, while the SO said he tried to open the door without knocking first. Regardless, the SO became suspicious of the AP. He requested identification. The AP did not have identification on him but offered to go get his identification from his vehicle. The SO went with the AP to do this. Before they left the apartment building, the SO confronted the AP near the front door.

This investigation began after the AP claimed that he was injured on the job. His employer, as part of

the claim process, went to the RCMP for documentation related to this call. The AP claimed that the SO had grabbed him by the neck and tried to force him to the ground. After doing this, the AP said that the SO identified himself as an RCMP officer.

The incident was captured on the cameras in the apartment building. The video showed the SO follow the AP into the vestibule near the front door and then grab the AP's left arm or jacket sleeve with his right hand. The SO stepped in front of the AP and prevented him from leaving. He had his hand on his left arm or jacket sleeve for about ten seconds. The SO then called police, who arrived a short time later. There was no other physical contact between the two.

## Conclusion

Based on the video, no assault occurred. While it might have made more sense for the SO to allow the AP to get his identification from his vehicle, stopping him in the way he did was a minor action that did not rise to the level of a criminal offence.

If the SO did identify himself as an RCMP officer while suspended, the RCMP may wish to take disciplinary action. Because this matter involves an RCMP officer, any further review or disciplinary action would be addressed by the RCMP. ASIRT's role is limited to Level 1 and Level 2 matters, and the RCMP is not subject to the Police Review Commission's Level 3 processes.

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