

ASIRT DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF AN ALLEGATION OF DRINK
TAMPERING ON MARCH 1, 2026**

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Introduction

On March 4, 2026, pursuant to s. 43.2(4)(c) 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 that an off-duty RCMP officer had put an intoxicant in the affected person's (AP's) drink on March 1, 2026, as a Level 1 incident. This investigation had been started by Calgary Police Service (CPS) and was transferred to ASIRT once the suspect was identified as a police officer. ASIRT identified one subject officer (SO) but did not formally designate him. ASIRT's investigation is now complete.

ASIRT's Investigation

ASIRT's investigation was comprehensive and thorough, conducted using current investigative protocols, and in accordance with the principles of major case management.

ASIRT investigators obtained CPS interviews of five civilians, including:

- Civilian witness #1 (CW1), who was the bartender who took the drink from the AP; and
- Civilian witness #2 (CW2), who was the assistant general manager at the establishment.

ASIRT investigators interviewed nine civilians, including:

- The AP;
- Civilian witness #3 (CW3), who was assisting CW1; and
- Civilian witness #4 (CW4), who was with the AP that night.

ASIRT investigators obtained video and records of people entering the establishment.

CPS investigators seized the drink and sent it to the RCMP National Forensic Lab for analysis.

Circumstances Surrounding the Incident

On the evening of February 28, 2026, and into the morning of March 1, 2026, the AP was at a licensed establishment in Calgary. After ordering a drink, she spoke briefly to the SO, who she did not know previously. The AP had her hand over her drink and, as she looked away, she felt something touch her hand. She turned to look and saw her straw fall out of her glass. The SO was still standing beside her, and she thought that the SO had put something into her drink.

The AP told her friend, CW4, and then went to a bartender, CW1. CW1 took the drink from the AP and put it behind the bar. CW1 also took a short video to identify the SO. The SO and his friends were kicked out of the establishment. CW2 then took the drink and sealed it in a container for police.

A sample of the drink was sent to the RCMP National Forensic Lab. The sample was analysed for the presence of common prescription, non-prescription, and illicit drugs, as well as some poisons (i.e. strychnine, warfarin) and GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate). None of these were detected in the sample.

Conclusion

Given that nothing was detected in the sample, there is no potential criminal offence.

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