



The following statement is being released by Chief Superintendent Brian Brennan, Criminal Operations Officer, RCMP Nova Scotia and Deputy Chief Bill Moore, Halifax Regional Police

RCMP/HRP conclude investigation into alleged abuse of former residents of Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children

The Integrated RCMP/HRP Investigation Team has concluded their investigation into allegations of physical and sexual abuse of former residents of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

In March 2012, the RCMP and HRP released a statement encouraging individuals with direct information on alleged abuse to come forward to speak with police. An investigative team was formed shortly after to focus solely on these allegations. We understand that a significant period of time has passed since these alleged instances of abuse took place and it may have been difficult for people to discuss this very challenging time in their lives. However, we were encouraged by the number of people that came forward to speak with police. The team did an exceptional job conducting a thorough investigation and various avenues available for investigative perusal were examined.

The investigative team traveled throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Alberta to personally interview 40 complainants, possible witnesses, and those with potential information on the allegations were also interviewed in an effort to corroborate statements and garner further evidence.

charges. It is important to understand that in order for police to lay charges in any investigation these grounds must be supported by evidence that will withstand the scrutiny of the