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Privacy Commissioner initiates investigation into potential breach of inmate privacy by an employee of the Department of Justice's Correctional Services

HALIFAX – Information and Privacy Commissioner Tricia Ralph has launched an investigation following a news report alleging that an employee of the Department of Justice's Correctional Services recorded a video of an inmate and shared it to a social media platform along with comments that included the sensitive personal information of the inmate.

The purpose of the investigation is to review the Department of Justice's response to this matter under the provisions of the *Privacy Review Officer Act* and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

When the investigation is complete, a public report will be published online at <https://oipc.novascotia.ca>.

As this is an active investigation, no additional details are available at this time.

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The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner provides independent oversight of Nova Scotia's access and privacy laws including the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Municipal Government Act (Part XX)*, the *Privacy Officer Review Act* and the *Personal Health Information Act*.

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