

New Brunswick Regulator Responds to Criminal Charges in Ontario

Statement issued by NANB Executive Director, Laurie Janes
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The recent coverage of murder charges laid against a former Ontario nurse is very distressing and we extend our deepest sympathy to all family members affected by this situation. The College of Nurses of Ontario has issued a statement confirming that it is cooperating with the police investigation and that the individual is not entitled to practice.

The Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB) wants to reassure the public and its members, that the Association's role and priority under the *Nurses Act* is to protect the public through the regulation of registered nurses and nurse practitioners. Should NANB become aware of criminal charges laid against a registered nurse in New Brunswick, immediate action would be taken regarding the member's registration and eligibility to practise by activating the professional conduct review process.

Members of the public, employers or colleagues are able to bring forward complaints of unprofessional conduct against a nurse. In addition, the public can confirm at any time whether a person providing services as a registered nurse or nurse practitioner in New Brunswick is registered with NANB, and whether there are restrictions on their practice.

As part of NANB's self-regulating role and similar to the College of Nurses in Ontario, we set and enforce standards of practice to which nurses must adhere in order to provide the public with safe, effective and ethical nursing care. Our role under legislation is to protect the public through the regulation of registered nurses and nurse practitioners.



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