

**Report to / Rapport au:**

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE BOARD  
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA**

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**Submitted by / Soumis par:**

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**SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT 25-OCI-154**

**OBJET: RAPPORT SUR L'UNITÉ DES ENQUÊTES SPÉCIALES – ENQUÊTE  
25-OCI-154**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Ottawa Police Service Board receive this report for information.

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

Que la Commission de service police d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du présent rapport à titre d'information

**BACKGROUND**

This document outlines a police interaction that resulted in the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) invoking their mandate. The background of the incident, along with SIU findings and recommendations are provided. As required by legislation, the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) subsequently completed an investigation into the policing services delivered, the procedural practices and the conduct of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) in relation to this incident.

**DISCUSSION**

**Incident Summary – April 20, 2025**

On April 20, 2025, at about 9:00 a.m., Witness Official (WO) #1 and the Subject Official (SO) observed two individuals with outstanding arrest warrants in the area of Bank Street and Flora Street, Ottawa. The officers approached the individuals and WO #1

confirmed the warrants. WO #1 placed Civilian Witness (CW) #1 under arrest and escorted them to his police cruiser. The Complainant initially agreed to accompany the SO, but subsequently fled while they was being escorted to the cruiser. The Complainant ran into a busy Bank Street, was struck by a slow-moving vehicle, got up, and resumed flight from police. The Complainant was eventually arrested and taken into custody. The Complainant was taken to the Montfort Hospital (MH) in Ottawa, where they were diagnosed with a fractured shoulder.

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

### **SIU Investigation:**

On August 11, 2025, the OPS received a letter from the Director of the SIU concerning the outcome of their investigation. In his letter, Director Martino stated that the file has been closed and no further action being contemplated. He was satisfied that there were no grounds in the evidence to proceed with criminal charges against the Subject Official who was involved in this incident. The SIU investigative report was also disclosed to the Chief.

The SIU collected evidence, including interviews with police and non-police witnesses, and video footage. In his report the SIU Director stated: "In retrospect, it might have been better to have secured the Complainant's hands in cuffs promptly following her arrest rather than allow them to be unrestrained while she smoked a cigarette. On the other hand, the Complainant had been cooperative with the officer upon their encounter, and the SO had no particular reason to believe she was a flight risk or otherwise violent. At the same time, the officer had taken some precautions by remaining in proximity to the Complainant and placing her in a less mobile position seated curbside while she smoked a cigarette. On this record, I am satisfied that the SO did not transgress the limits of care prescribed by the criminal law in relation to the Complainant's flight from police and broken shoulder.

### **Professional Standards Unit Investigation:**

Pursuant to Section 8 of Ontario Regulation 90/24, Section 81 of the Community Safety and Police Act (CSPA), PSU initiated an investigation into this incident to review the policing services, the procedural practices of the OPS, and to determine if the conduct of the involved police officers was appropriate.

During the PSU investigations, it was noted that the involved officers and the SO followed the policies, procedures, and their training when engaging with the Complainant.

PSU's investigation confirmed what the SIU concluded, in that the officers were in the lawful execution of their duty and the Subject Official had reasonable ground to arrest the complainant on the strength of the confirmed arrest warrant. Once informed of the arrest, the complainant attempted to evade police. Numerous commands were issued for the complainant to stop running which were ignored. In continuous efforts to evade the police officers, the complainant ran into live lanes of traffic and was struck by a vehicle driving southbound on Bank Street. The complainant got up and continued to run while being pursued by the officers on foot. A Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) was displayed at which point the complainant laid on the ground complying with orders. The complainant was then taken into custody and transported to the Montfort Hospital.

After further review of the incident, no issues were identified in relation to the policing services delivered, the procedural practices or the conduct of the attending officers.

**Policing Services Findings** – No issues identified.

**Procedural Practices Findings** – No issues identified.

**Conduct Findings** – No issues identified.

## **CONCLUSION**

PSU has completed its Section 81 investigation into this incident and no further action is required.