

Report to / Rapport au:

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

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT 25-OVI-324

**OBJET: RAPPORT SUR L'UNITÉ DES ENQUÊTES SPÉCIALES – ENQUÊTE
25-OVI-324**

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 – August 7, 2025

On August 7th, 2025, at 8:15 pm, the subject official observed two males driving electric motorcycles erratically eastbound on Carling Avenue. The subject official activated his emergency lights which activated the In Car Camera (ICC) and attempted to engage the two males. The males turned around and fled westbound along a pathway adjacent to Carling Avenue with the subject official in pursuit on the roadway. The ICC was turned off from that point on.

The subject official observed the two males driving at high rates of speed along the pathway narrowly avoiding pedestrians who were using the pathway for leisure activities. As the two males approached Grandview Road, they collided with the complainant who was riding a bicycle eastbound along the same pathway.

The two males were arrested following the collision. The complainant was transported to the Ottawa Hospital – Civic campus with injuries to their hand. The two males were charged with offences under the *Ontario Highway Traffic Act*. The electric motorcycles were towed, and the scene was released.

On August 21st, 2025, the complainant informed the Ottawa Police Service that they required surgery on two or three fingers due to the injuries sustained during the collision. This information was not available at the time of the incident.

Once the information was received, the Ottawa Police Service deemed this to be a serious injury and notified the SIU of the incident.

INVESTIGATIONS

SIU Investigation:

On December 19, 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 had been closed and no further action was 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 civilian and police witnesses, radio communications and in-car camera footage. In his report, the SIU Director stated he was satisfied that the subject official comported himself with due care and regard for public safety. The subject official's high speed on Carling Avenue and his decision to pursue the e-motorcycles raised legitimate concerns but there is no indication that they

pressured the e-motorcycles or prevented them from stopping safely. Considering these mitigating factors, the subject official's actions did not amount to a marked departure from reasonable driving standards, and therefore criminal charges are not warranted.

The SIU further noted the subject official's actions may amount to misconduct under the Police Code of Conduct and these concerns were referred to the police service for review and, as required by law, to the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency.

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 members was appropriate.

As noted by the SIU, the subject official's actions appear to be contradicting to their training and the Ottawa Police Service Suspect Apprehension Pursuit policy 8.01.

OPS will proceed with an internal investigation once LECA confirms they are not proceeding with a public interest investigation.

Policing Services Findings – No issues identified.

Procedural Practices Findings – No issues identified.

Conduct Findings – Issues identified and will be addressed through the disciplinary process.

CONCLUSION

PSU has concluded its Section 81 investigation and will await LECA's direction before proceeding with an internal investigation into the officer's conduct.