

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON SIU INVESTIGATION

OBJET: RAPPORT SUR L'ENQUÊTE DE L'UES

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du présent rapport à titre d'information.

BACKGROUND

The attached document outlines a police interaction that resulted in the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) invoking its mandate. The background of the incident, SIU findings and recommendations are provided. The Professional Standards Section completed an investigation into the policy, services and conduct of the involved members of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS).

DISCUSSION

BACKGROUND

On July 13, 2018 at approximately 3:15 a.m., patrol officers responded to the front entrance of the Ottawa Police building located at 474 Elgin St. in response to a male that wanted to turn himself in. An officer exited the front of the building to speak to the

male. The male subject began screaming at the officer from the sidewalk and drove toward the officer in a motorized wheelchair wielding a hammer. He threatened to kill the officer and pulled out a knife with his other hand. The officer moved to a position to protect himself, drew his Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) and advised the male that he was under arrest. The male then turned around and fled northbound on Elgin St, still brandishing the hammer and knife. Other officers arrived and attempted to apprehend the male who threatened to kill other officers as well.

As the male approached a group of people on the sidewalk with knife and hammer in hand, the officer deployed his CEW. The male stopped immediately, rolled out of the chair and dropped the hammer. He maintained control of the knife, however officers were able to gain control and arrest the male.

Paramedics attended and assessed the male who was then transported to cellblock. No injury specific to the arrest was reported at that time although the male did suffer from numerous pre-existing ailments. He was held for show cause and ultimately transported to the regional detention center where he notified the staff of an injury to his leg. He was transported to hospital where he was diagnosed with a fracture to his left leg. OPS was notified and in turn notified the SIU which invoked its mandate.

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On August 15, 2019 the Ottawa Police Service received a letter from Mr. Joseph Martino, Interim Director of the Special Investigations Unit concerning the outcome of their investigation. In his letter, Mr. Martino stated the file has been closed and no further action is contemplated. He was satisfied that there were no grounds in the evidence to proceed with criminal charges against the Subject Officer.

Professional Standards Investigation

Pursuant to Section 11(1) of Ontario Regulation 267/10 of the Police Services Act, the Professional Standards Section initiated an investigation into this incident to determine if the policies of, or services provided by the OPS were adhered to at the time of this incident, and to determine if the conduct of the involved police officers was appropriate.

After a careful review of the evidence in this case, it has been determined that there is no evidence of any misconduct on the part of the involved officers.

Conduct Findings – No conduct issues identified

Service Findings – No service issue identified

Policy Findings - No policy issue identified

CONSULTATION

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

N/A

CONCLUSION

The Professional Standard's Section has completed its Section 11 investigation and no further action is required.