

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

This report outlines a call for service that resulted in the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) being called and invoking their 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

On May 18, 2017, Patrol officers responded to a 911 call in the Convent Glen area about a suicidal female threatening to jump from an overpass. When police arrived, the female ran toward the overpass railing and attempted to jump. The responding officer and a civilian witness grabbed her to prevent her from jumping. She was apprehended under the *Mental Health Act* for her safety and transported to the hospital. The female

was intoxicated and during her transport to hospital, became unconscious in the police cruiser. The cruiser stopped and the female was removed to provide medical assistance. The female regained consciousness and became combative while paramedics were assessing her. A struggle ensued with the officers and she was placed in handcuffs. She was transported to hospital where she was turned over to medical staff.

The patient complained of a sore wrist and it was later discovered that there was a minor fracture to her right wrist. The OPS became aware of the injury on June 22, 2017 and notified the SIU. The SIU invoked its mandate on that date.

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On August 27, 2018, the Ottawa Police Service received a letter from Mr. Tony Loparco, Director of the Special Investigations Unit concerning the outcome of their investigation. In his letter, Mr. Loparco stated the investigation had been completed. 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 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 police officers was appropriate or contributed to the injuries of the victim.

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

CONCLUSION

The Professional Standard's Section has completed its Section 11 investigation and no further action will be taken in this matter.