

**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 Sunday February 25, 2018 at approximately 6:48pm, the Ottawa Police Service received a 911 call advising that there was a male with a knife in a grocery store in the Hintonburg area. The subject was reported to have stabbed someone in the store and ran out in an unknown direction.

An officer located the subject in a nearby alleyway. The subject was carrying a knife, raised it to shoulder height, and advanced on the officer. The officer gave loud verbal commands to the subject to drop the knife, but the subject refused and continued to advance on the officer.

The officer shot the subject at which point the subject fell to the ground. The knife was recovered by the SIU.

Paramedics were called and the subject was given immediate medical attention.

The subject was pronounced dead at hospital.

The SIU was contacted and invoked its mandate. One Subject officer and ten witness officers were designated. The Subject officer agreed to be interviewed and provided his notes to the SIU.

## INVESTIGATION

### Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On March 15, 2019, the Ottawa Police Service received a letter from Mr. Tony Loparco, Director of the Special Investigations Unit concerning the outcome of its investigation. In his letter, Mr. Loparco 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 policies of the OPS were followed, to review the service provided, and to determine if the conduct of the 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 will be taken in this matter.