

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 June 3, 2017 at approximately 2:20am, a Member of the Ottawa Police Service Tactical Unit was patrolling in the area of Murray St and Dalhousie St in downtown Ottawa when he heard a gunshot and observed a group of males chasing a suspect northbound on Dalhousie. The officer attempted to catch up to the suspect in his police

vehicle. As he passed the group of males who were chasing the suspect, one of them pointed at the suspect and yelled 'it was him'. The officer pulled up beside the suspect and tried to conduct a gunpoint arrest from within his vehicle. The suspect ignored the officer and began running in the opposite direction. The officer exited his vehicle and began to pursue the suspect on foot. The suspect ran into a parking garage on Murray St where another gunshot was heard. A male who had just been shot by the suspect emerged from the garage with gunshot wounds. The officer could see the suspect running up the ramp as the victim was exiting the garage. The officer continued to pursue the suspect, with his firearm drawn and continually shouted at him to stop and get on the ground. The suspect suddenly turned and pointed his firearm directly at the officer. The officer discharged several rounds from his firearm, resulting in the death of the suspect.

The Special Investigations Unit was contacted and invoked its mandate.

The victim who had been shot by the suspect at the garage entrance ultimately died of his injuries.

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On May 31, 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 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

CONCLUSION

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