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**REPORT
RAPPORT**

DATE: 27 April 2015

TO/DEST: Executive Director, Ottawa Police Services Board

FROM/EXP: Chief of Police, Ottawa Police Service

SUBJECT/OBJET: **REPORT ON SIU INVESTIGATIONS**

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The attached annexes outline calls for service that resulted in the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) being contacted and invoking their mandate. The background of the incidents, SIU findings, and recommendations are provided. The Professional Standards Section completed an investigation into policy, services and conduct of the involved members of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS).

Annex A: SIU investigative File # 14-OOD-225 - Officer Own Death

Annex B: SIU investigative File #13-OSA-256 – Alleged Sexual Assault.

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Chief of Police

Responsible for report: Inspector Christopher Rheaume

Annex A: SIU Investigative File # 14-OOD-225 – Officer Own Death**BACKGROUND**

In September 2014, Tactical Officers attended the Central Division police station in response to information received that an officer was suicidal and his whereabouts were not known. Officers found the officer's service firearm was missing from his locker. Tactical officers arrived at the section's main office to hear the door close to an inner office. Tactical officers were waiting for more officers when they heard a gunshot. The officer was located, deceased, in his office.

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was contacted and invoked their mandate.

INVESTIGATION**Special Investigation Unit Investigation**

The Director of the Special Investigations Unit advised the following:

"The investigation by this Unit has been completed, the file has been closed and no further action is contemplated. That is, there are no reasonable grounds, in my view, to believe that either of the subject officers committed a criminal offence in relation to the death of the officer. In fact, members of your tactical team acted quickly and bravely upon hearing the sound of a gunshot to enter the officer's office in vain to attempt to help him.

I thank you for the cooperation of all members of your tactical unit in the conduct of this investigation."

Professional Standards Section Investigation

Pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Ontario Regulation 267/10 of the *Police Services Act*, an investigation was conducted by the Professional Standards Section 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 were appropriate or contributed to the death of the officer.

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 that may have contributed to the officer's death.

Conduct Findings- No misconduct identified
Service Findings- No service issue identified
Policy Findings- No policy issues identified.

CONCLUSION

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

No further action to be taken on this matter.

Annex B: SIU Investigative File # 13-OSA-256 – Alleged Sexual Assault**BACKGROUND**

In October 2013, a letter was received by OPS referring to a call for service alleging that two male officers had committed a sexual assault on two minor females in the rear of a cruiser.

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was contacted and invoked their mandate.

INVESTIGATION**Special Investigation Unit Investigation**

The Director of the Special Investigations Unit advised the following:

“The investigation by this Unit has been completed, the file has been closed and no further action is contemplated. That is, at this time I have no grounds to believe that the officers committed a sexual assault in this case.

I thank you for the cooperation of all members of your police service in the conduct of this investigation.”

Professional Standards Section Investigation

Pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Ontario Regulation 267/10 of the *Police Services Act*, an investigation was conducted by the Professional Standards Section 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 were 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 misconduct identified

Service Findings- No service issue identified

Policy Findings- No police issue identified.

CONCLUSION

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

No further action to be taken on this matter.