

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 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 September 24, 2016, the Ottawa Police Service received an assistance call from paramedics to attend an address in the City of Ottawa in relation to a man who indicated he had stabbed himself.

On arrival police met with paramedics and shortly after located the man in his apartment on the 12th floor. When police arrived in the apartment, the man was on the outside of the balcony, holding onto the railing. Police attempted to speak with him from inside the apartment in an effort to have him return inside.

The male spoke to police officers for a short period of time before letting himself fall from the balcony. The male suffered fatal injuries and was declared deceased at the scene.

The Special Investigations Unit was contacted and invoked its mandate.

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On January 11, 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 are no reasonable grounds to believe that the subject officer committed a criminal offence in relation to the custody death.

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 death 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 officer that may have contributed to the death of the victim.

Conduct Findings – The patrol supervisor was late in submitting their report in relation to the incident and incorrectly directed responding officers to interview witnesses at the scene. This performance issue has been forwarded to the patrol supervisor's chain of command to ensure that they are aware of their duties in the future.

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.