

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

On April 24, 2018, officers responded to an address in the Bridlewood area in relation to a domestic dispute. On arrival, officers located a male in the garage of the residence threatening to cut himself with a knife. The male was under the influence of prescription drugs and alcohol and communication and de-escalation attempts were found to be ineffective. In order to prevent the male from injuring himself, an officer used his issued baton to disarm the male and then safely took him into custody for his own protection.

The male was later seen by a doctor where it was determined that he had suffered a broken wrist that appeared to have been a result of the officer disarming him of the knife.

The SIU was notified of this incident and invoked its mandate. The attached document outlines a police interaction that resulted in the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) invoking its 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).

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On May 22, 2019 the Ottawa Police Service received a letter from Mr. Joseph Martino, Interim Director of the Special Investigations Unit concerning the outcome of its investigation. In his letter, Mr. Martino 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 the 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 involved 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 issues identified

Policy Findings - No policy issues identified

CONSULTATION

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

N/A

CONCLUSION

The Professional Standard's Section has completed its Section 11 investigation. Internal conduct measures initiated in relation to the administrative breach of the Regulation.