

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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SUBJECT: REPORT ON SIU INVESTIGATION – 24 FEBRUARY 2016

OBJET: RAPPORT SUR L'ENQUÊTE DE LA U.E.S. : 24 FEVRIER 2016

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 annex attached 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).

Annex A: SIU investigation file # 15-OVI-035

DISCUSSION

On February 19th, 2015 while on general patrol, Canine officer, Constable Randy Stockdale, came upon a suspicious vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the area of Trainyards Drive.

Constable Stockdale received information that the registered owner of the vehicle was disqualified from driving and was also on charge by OPP Hawkesbury for impaired driving, disqualified driving and uttering threats and also had a criminal record for assault police and was prohibited from possessing weapons.

Constable Stockdale attempted to stop the vehicle, however, it proceeded to drive away from him and he initiated a pursuit. The pursuit lasted several minutes and ended when the suspect vehicle struck an OC Transco bus. The driver of the vehicle received minor injuries and the passenger sustained a broken shoulder and dislocated pelvis. SIU were contacted and invoked their mandate.

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On February 20th, 2015, SIU Investigators designated Constable Stockdale as a subject officer and further designated Sergeant Eric Beaurivage, A/Sergeant Andrew Pidcock, Constable David Cochrane, Constable Christine Schulz, Constable Jafeth Maseruka, Constable Akiva Geller and Constable Tina Kosnaskie as witness officers.

On June 10th, 2015 the SIU announced it was charging Constable Stockdale with Dangerous Driving Causing Bodily Harm, contrary to section 249(3) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

On February 24th, 2016 the criminal charge against Constable Stockdale was withdrawn in exchange for his plea to the charge Careless Driving contrary to Section 130 of the *Highway Traffic Act* and he was issued a fine of \$1200.

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.

Conduct Findings – A PSS investigation has been launched to determine whether there were any conduct issues.

Service Findings- No service issue identified

Policy Findings- No policy issue identified

CONCLUSION

With the SIU investigation now complete, the OPS Professional Standards Section will review the matter to determine if there are any conduct issues.