

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: REPORT ON SIU INVESTIGATION – FEBRUARY 2016**

**OBJET: RAPPORT SUR L'ENQUÊTE DE L'UES – 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**

This report outlines an incident that resulted in the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) 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 February 19, 2016, two uniformed officers of the Ottawa Police Service conducted a traffic stop in the Overbrook area. The driver of the vehicle exited the vehicle, refused to speak to the officers and fled into a residence. The Officers forced entry to the residence and arrested the driver for obstruction and failing to identify himself.

The driver made a complaint to the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD). When the complaint was received by the OPS, there was an allegation of a serious injury occurring during the arrest.

The SIU was contacted and invoked their mandate.

## **INVESTIGATION**

### Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On April 13, 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 officers.

### 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 injuries of the victim. The OIPRD retained the conduct investigation in relation to this incident and directed the OPS to hold a PSA Hearing for allegations of “unlawful or unnecessary exercise of authority” under the Code of Conduct.

Conduct Findings – Misconduct allegations identified

A Hearing is underway at the direction of the OIPRD

Service Findings – No service issue identified

Policy Findings - No policy issue identified

## **CONCLUSION**

The Professional Standard’s Section has completed its Section 11 investigation. A Police Services Act Hearing is ongoing in relation to the Conduct issue raised by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD).