

**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 2017**

**OBJET: RAPPORT SUR L'ENQUÊTE DE L'UES – FEVRIER 2017**

**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 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).

**DISCUSSION**

On February 21, 2017, the Ottawa Police Service was notified by the SIU that it was invoking its mandate in relation to an allegation of sexual assault that occurred approximately 6 years ago. No information was provided in relation to the allegations. One Subject Officer and two Witness Officers were identified and designated at the time the SIU invoked their mandate. The OPS subsequently requested further information

from the SIU, however no further information was provided.

During the investigation the Professional Standards Section assisted with the scheduling of interviews and provision of documents, but no further information in relation to the circumstances of the incident or the allegations were made available to the OPS.

## INVESTIGATION

### Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On January 8, 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 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 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 SIU provided summaries of interviews conducted during their investigation. It was determined that the investigation was in relation to a personal relationship involving the subject officer.

Conduct Findings – Misconduct allegations identified

A Chief's Complaint investigation under the *Police Services Act* has been initiated.

Service Findings – No service issue identified

Policy Findings - No policy issue identified

## CONCLUSION

The Professional Standard's Section has completed its Section 11 investigation. As a result, a conduct investigation under the *Police Services Act* has been initiated.