

**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**

This report 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 12, 2017 at approximately 4pm, members of the Ottawa Police Service Drug Unit were engaged in surveillance of a known drug trafficker who was believed to be in possession of a handgun. While the suspect was operating a motor vehicle, the officers observed three drug transactions occur at various locations and observed characteristics of an armed person in the suspect's behaviour. The vehicle stopped in a

parking lot in Vanier and the decision was made to arrest the occupants. Numerous unmarked Ottawa Police vehicles were used to contain the vehicle. Several drug officers approached the vehicle giving clear direction to the occupants. The officers were in plainclothes with clearly identifiable police markings in large white lettering on their vests. Officers approached the vehicle with their firearms drawn based on their grounds to believe that the occupants were armed. As the officers approached, an occupant was observed pointing a firearm at one of the officers. Fearing for their safety, two officers discharged their firearms at the occupants resulting in non-life threatening injuries to the occupants. The occupants surrendered to police with no further incident and were provided with medical treatment.

The Special Investigations Unit was contacted and invoked its mandate.

## INVESTIGATION

### Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On October 10, 2018, the OPS received a letter from Mr. Tony Loparco, Director of the Special Investigations Unit concerning the outcome of its investigation. In his letter, Mr. Loparco stated the file has been closed, no further action is contemplated, and 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 the OPS were followed, to review the service provided, and to determine if the conduct of the 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 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.