

**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**

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).

**DISCUSSION**

**BACKGROUND**

On July 21, 2018 officers responded to an address in the Chapel Hill area in relation to a dispute between a mother and her teenage daughter. The daughter was reported to be in possession of a knife and intoxicated. On arrival, officers located the daughter in

the residence and began de-escalation attempts. During the conversation the daughter threatened to begin 'trashing' the home and attempted to push past officers. As she approached, an officer took her by the arm, directed her downward to the floor, and advised her that she was under arrest. She was then handcuffed without further incident.

After the arrest, she complained of pain in her shoulder and was transported to hospital where she was diagnosed with a fracture to her collarbone.

The SIU was notified of this incident and invoked its mandate.

## INVESTIGATION

### Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On August 30, 2019 the Ottawa Police Service received a letter from Mr. Joseph Martino, Interim Director of the Special Investigations Unit concerning the outcome of their 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.

The SIU Director identified in his closing letter that there appeared to be a breach of the reporting requirement in the Regulation. The incident occurred the evening of Saturday July 21, 2018 and was reported to SIU on Monday July 23. The SIU considered this to be a late notification and therefore a breach of the Regulation.

During the course of this review, the SIU Designate advised that the delay was a result of his collection of information and reviewing reports in order to provide accurate information to the SIU. This has been done in the past for similar incidents without receiving feedback from the SIU in relation to the delay. The OPS is currently in the process of implementing a new SIU reporting structure which would eliminate these delays.

**Conduct Findings** – No conduct issues identified

**Service Findings** – A reporting delay was identified and has been rectified through a recent change in SIU notification protocols.

**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.