

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 December 30, 2018 at approximately 1am, frontline patrol officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a suspected impaired driver in the Vanier area. When the officer activated the emergency lights, the subject turned onto a side street, accelerated

away quickly, and drove into the side of a residence. The officers had decided not to pursue the vehicle for public safety reasons, however the subject accelerated away from the officers, ultimately losing control of the vehicle and crashing into the residence. The subject driver was arrested at the scene of the collision for impaired driving. He was provided medical attention and it was discovered that he suffered broken ribs as a result of the collision.

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

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On October 3, 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.

Conduct Findings – No conduct issues identified

Service Findings – No service issues identified

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.