

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 31st, 2018 at approximately 8am, patrol officers responded to a 911 call reporting a man assaulting a woman on the street near Lebreton Flats. An officer arrived and witnessed the ongoing assault and attempted to arrest the male. The male

resisted arrest, punched the officer, and pushed the officer to the ground. The male continued to move in on the officer as the officer was on the ground. The officer struck the male several times in defence and to affect the arrest. Other officers arrived on scene and the male was taken into custody and handcuffed.

During the arrest, the male sustained injuries to his face and paramedics were called. He was transported to hospital where he was diagnosed with a broken orbital bone. He was then released from hospital and transported to cells where he was later charged with various offences.

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

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On October 21, 2019 the OPS 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.