

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

BACKGROUND

On October 11, 2017 at approximately 6:30 p.m., Traffic officers were conducting speed enforcement on Bank St. near Hunt Club Rd. in the City of Ottawa. At that time, an officer stopped a vehicle for speeding. The officer exited his cruiser to speak to the

driver and while approaching the vehicle, the driver fled. The officer returned to his cruiser, determined the vehicle was stolen, and began to pursue the vehicle. He discontinued the pursuit almost immediately due to the dangerous driving of the stolen vehicle. The vehicle subsequently crashed when the driver attempted to turn right onto a side street from Hunt Club Rd. The collision resulted in serious injuries to one of the occupants.

As a result of the injuries, the SIU was contacted and invoked its mandate.

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On November 27, 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 are no reasonable grounds to believe that the subject officer committed a criminal offence in relation to this incident.

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.

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 officer that may have contributed to the injuries.

Conduct Findings – No conduct issues were identified in relation to the initiation of the pursuit and no misconduct issues were identified that would have contributed to the occupants injuries. However, administrative policy breaches by the subject officer were identified in relation to Suspect Apprehension pursuits. The officer is subject to internal discipline.

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.