

**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 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).

On Sunday February 18, 2018 at 11:45pm, officers responded to a Boston Pizza restaurant on St-Laurent Blvd in relation to a customer who threatened one of the employees. Officers arrived on scene and asked the customer to leave at the request of the manager. The male refused and officers attempted to arrest and remove him under the authority of the *Trespass to Property Act*. The male struggled violently with the officers and several officers attended to assist with taking the male into custody.

Force was used on the male however the force was limited to empty hand techniques and no use of force equipment was used to effect the arrest.

It was later determined the male had a broken orbital bone. SIU was contacted and invoked its mandate.

## INVESTIGATION

### Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On January 30, 2019 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 officers committed a criminal offence in relation to the injuries.

### 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 officers that may have contributed to the injuries.

**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.