

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

On December 13, 2016, two uniformed officers of the Ottawa Police Service were conducting pro-active policing activities in the downtown area. The officers approached a group of 5 people who were loitering, drinking alcohol, and trespassing near the loading dock at the premise. The officers were in the process of investigating *Trespass*

to *Property Act* and *Liquor Licence Act* offences, when one individual in the group fled on foot when the officers lawfully demanded identification.

The male who fled from the officers ran westbound across King Edward Avenue where he was struck by a northbound vehicle. He sustained a broken leg as a result of the collision with the vehicle. The subject officer was pursuing the male on foot at the time.

The Special Investigations Unit was contacted and invoked its mandate.

INVESTIGATION

Special Investigations Unit Investigation

On January 15, 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 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 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 of the victim.

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 victim's 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.