



BOARD REPORT

To: Chair and Members
Brantford Police Services Board

From: Inspector Kevin Reeder

Date: January 12, 2025

Subject: Report on Section 81(1) Investigation (SIU)
(SIU# 25-OSA-037)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board accepts this report as required under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, and

THAT the Board directs the Chief of Police to post this report on the internet within 30 days of receiving the report.

BACKGROUND:

Section 81(1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* directs that if the SIU Director causes an incident to be investigated under Section 15 of the *Special Investigations Unit Act, 2019* involving a member of a police service, other than a Deputy Chief of Police, the Chief of Police of the police service shall investigate:

- (a) the member's conduct in relation to the incident;
- (b) the policing provided by the member in relation to the incident; and
- (c) the procedures established by the chief of police as they related to the incident.

The Chief of Police shall report the findings and any action taken or recommendations based on the findings of the Section 81(1) investigation to the Police Service Board.

Section 8(3) of Ontario Regulation 90/24 directs that a Chief of Police who is required to report on an investigation under Section 81(1) shall give the report to the Police Service Board. If no criminal charges are laid against a member of the police service, the report shall be given within 90 days after the SIU Director publishes a final report.

Section 8(5) of Ontario Regulation 90/24 directs that a Police Service Board shall publish the report on the internet no later than 30 days after receiving the report.

Summary of SIU Incident

On January 27, 2025, the Brantford Police Service (BPS) notified the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) that a woman, the Complainant, had reported being sexually assaulted by two officers during an interaction that occurred on September 23, 2024.

The complainant had two separate encounters with BPS that day. In the first, she was apprehended by the Mobile Crisis Response Team under the Mental Health Act and transported to Brantford General Hospital (BGH) for assessment before being released.

Later that evening, she contacted police again to report a missing baby. Officers attended her residence, where she appeared confused and unable to articulate the reason for her call. She was ultimately returned to BGH, where a transfer of care occurred shortly after midnight on September 24.

When SIU investigators contacted her the following day to clarify her complaint, the complainant stated that she had called police because she was in pain and unable to walk. She alleged that during her time at the hospital, a male and a female officer had sexually assaulted her. She further alleged that a nurse touched her sexually while another unidentified male officer stood by observing.

The SIU conducted an investigation and determined there were no grounds that a criminal offence had been completed. The SIU director determined the Complainant “*was of unsound mind at the time and delusional.*”

The ensuing Section 81(1) investigation found the conduct of the officers involved in this incident fall within the duties prescribed in the *Community Safety and Policing Act* and in accordance with Brantford Police Service policies and procedures.

No deficiencies were identified with the policies and procedures of the Brantford Police Service.

The investigation did not identify any issues with the service provided or any conduct by the officers that could be perceived as misconduct or unsatisfactory work performance.

As a result, no action is recommended to be taken.