



## BOARD REPORT

Date: August 11, 2025

To: Chair and Members  
Brantford Police Services Board

From: Inspector Kevin Reeder

Subject: Report on SIU Section 81(1)  
Investigation (SIU 25-OCI-133)

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### PURPOSE:

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 services 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.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On the night of February 19, 2025, a woman was arrested for causing a disturbance in a residence in the area of West Street and Henry Street.

An officer forcibly took her down to the floor when the woman did not willingly give up her hands to be handcuffed. The woman broke her right knee on impact with the floor.

The SIU was subsequently called and initiated an investigation.

Director Joseph Martino found a takedown made sense as it would position the officers to better manage her resistance while effecting their purpose.

The Special Investigations Unit found no reasonable grounds to believe a Brantford Police Service officer committed a criminal offence in connection with the fractured knee suffered by the woman.

The subsequent section 81 investigation was conducted by the Professional Standards Branch to analyze our policies, procedures and officer conduct.

During the review, potential misconduct by Brantford Police members in relation to aftercare of the women's injury was identified. Chief Saunder's has ordered a Chief's Complaint into the matter. The results of the Chief's Complaint will address any policy violations that require policies to be updated and any conduct or unsatisfactory work performance by Brantford Police members that is required under section 81.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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.