

## **BOARD REPORT**

Date: July 10, 2025

To: Chair and Members

**Brantford Police Services Board** 

From: Inspector Kevin Reeder

Subject: Report on SIU Section 81(1) Investigation

(SIU 25-OSA-118)

## **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 February 24, 2020 at 1:44AM Brantford Police Officers conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle that had licence plates attached that had been reported stolen. The male driver was subsequently arrested. The driver was found to be in possession of a lock picking kit and was on bail not to be in possession of these types of tools.

The male was transported to the Brantford Police Station and placed in cells to await bail court. At 3:00AM this male was observed to be snorting a white substance while in his cell and police responded. Police located a white substance in his cell that was suspected to be cocaine.

A strip search was conducted for fear that this male was hiding illegal drugs on his person. This male resisted the strip search and force was used to control him while the strip search was conducted. The officers believed he was hiding drugs in his rectum and he was transported to the hospital for his safety. At the hospital the male refused medical staff to search him. He was subsequently x-rayed. No additional drugs were found and no injuries were observed. He was cleared medically and returned to his cell to await bail court.

The male subsequently filed a public complaint with OIPRD in 2021 and it was screened out due to the outstanding criminal charges and no further action was taken.

In 2025, LECA received another public complaint from this male regarding the same incident claiming he was sexually assaulted and suffered injuries to his back during the strip search by police in 2020.

LECA sent the public complaint to Brantford Police for investigation who subsequently notified SIU due to the nature of the allegations. The SIU invoked their mandate and initiated an investigation into the sexual assault allegation.

On June 24, 2025 the Deputy Director of the SIU terminated the investigation into this incident and no report was issued. No Brantford Police Officers were designated as subject or witness officials.

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

No deficiencies were identified with the policies and procedures or services provided by members of the Brantford Police Service.

Further, there was no evidence discovered that suggested members committed misconduct or unsatisfactory work performance.

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

## **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.