



BOARD REPORT

Date: August 27, 2025

To: Chair and Members
Brantford Police Services Board

From: Inspector Kevin Reeder

Subject: Report on SIU Section 81(1)
Investigation (SIU 25-OCI-135)

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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 February 7, 2025 police responded to a report of a possible impaired driver who had crashed his vehicle into a ditch near Powerline Road and Ivahoe Road. Officers found the driver to have signs of impairment and attempted to arrest him. During the arrest, the driver became non-compliant and then assaultive by striking the officer twice in the head. The officer deployed a Conductive Energy Weapon (CEW) which was ineffective. Additional officers arrived to assist and the driver was taken into police custody using physical control techniques including knee and hand strikes.

The driver was taken to the Brantford General Hospital as a precaution. He was medically cleared with no diagnosis of any serious injuries. The driver was charged impaired operation of a motor vehicle, obstructing police and refusing to provide a breath sample and was eventually released from custody.

One week after his release the male driver contacted the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) via email alleging he sustained a serious injury, specifically a fractured rib, during his interaction with police. The SIU invoked their mandate and initiated an investigation.

SIU examined medical records, including x-rays, and confirmed the man's reported rib injury existed prior to police interaction and determined that no officer was responsible for causing his injury. The SIU terminated their investigation and no report was issued.

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.