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## **Thunder Bay Police Service Officer Charged by SIU**

The following is a Statement from Thunder Bay Police Service Board Chair Karen Machado:

**THUNDER BAY, ON (June 4, 2024)** — "The charge laid today by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is deeply concerning, as in any allegation of wrongdoing by a Thunder Bay Police Service member.

The Thunder Bay Police Service Board values and respects the role of the SIU as a key pillar of police accountability in Ontario. When charges are laid, it illustrates that the system of police oversight works.

As a Board, we recognize our role in ensuring the highest police governance standards. Working with Chief Fleury, we will review the SIU's findings, when available, for areas where policies and procedures could be improved including in areas of training. The Board will not hesitate to direct action where required.

This is not only an expectation of our role, but our obligation.

As the matter is now before the courts, the Board will not be making any further comment."

## Note to the editor:

Questions involving the employment status of the officer can be referred to the Thunder Bay Police Service.

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