



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Thunder Bay Police Service Board

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SUBJECT: SIU Administrative Report required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, Part VI, Section 81(1). SIU Case #24-OSA-081

For information purposes

In accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, Part VI, Section 81(1), the Chief of Police shall promptly cause an investigation to be conducted into any incident involving a police officer in the Chief's police service that becomes the subject of an investigation by the SIU Director under Section 15 of the *Special Investigations Unit Act, 2019*.

The purpose of this investigation is to review the policies of, or services provided by, the police service and the conduct of its police officers.

Incident Summary

On February 21, 2024, at 2:19 pm, a plain clothes officer attended a local business regarding a theft that had occurred. The officer was provided with a description of the female suspect and located her nearby. This officer, along with another officer, approached the female suspect and identified themselves as police officers. The female then ran away, and officers followed, catching the female and placing her under arrest. The female resisted and struggled with officers during the arrest. Upon arrest, the female was found to be in possession of the stolen property.

A third officer arrived on scene to transport the female to the police station. At the station, the female became very aggressive and hostile. She began yelling that she wanted to kill herself and began stripping off her clothes. Two additional officers then transported this female to the hospital for a mental health assessment. At this time the female stated several times that she was going to kill herself, that she was raped by the police and that the police were going to assault her.



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The female was ultimately released from the hospital by medical staff and returned to the police station. Due to the accusations made by the female that she was raped by police, the SIU was notified.

On February 22, 2024, the SIU invoked their mandate and requesting several items, however on February 29, 2024 the SIU advised to hold off sending the items requested to the SIU at that time.

On June 16, 2024, the SIU notified TBPS that they had terminated their investigation without gathering any items from the TBPS and that they are not completing any report on the matter.

Administrative Investigation – Conclusion

From a review of this incident in relation to the SIU investigation, it was found that a training review with the officers involved regarding communication of arrest authorities to accused persons, as well as report and note taking standards will occur. No misconduct by any officer was found.

Policies reviewed during this administrative review

- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P6c2 Arrest, Release and Detention
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P6c48 Care and Handling of Prisoners
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P6c48c Prisoner Transportation
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P9c2 Use of Force Reporting
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P6c40 Police Officer Note Taking
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P3c4 Report Submission

Recommendations being implemented as a result of this review

As a result of this review, modifications to existing procedures are occurring, specifically P6c2 Arrest Release and Detention to be updated adding additional language from arrest authorities under the Criminal Code and requirements under the Charter. Further P6c40 Police Officer Note Taking will be updated to provide further clarity regarding the submission of notes for disclosure purposes and restrictions on relation to notes submission in relation to SIU matters.