



# MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 5, 2025

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-OCI-236

For information purposes

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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 June 4, 2024, Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS) officers were working as plain clothed officers when they observed a male known to them driving a motor vehicle. Officers were aware that the male had an outstanding warrant and was a prohibited driver.

Officers observed the male stop the vehicle and enter a residence. Officers were aware this male had a history of being violent with several previous weapons and drug offences. Officers set up outside the residence and advised the male he was under arrest when he departed. Upon this notification, the male ran from officers. Officers caught up to the male, at which point the male continued to resist, attempting to bite the officers and reaching for a pouch on his waistband. Officers were able to gain control of the male and placed him into custody.

Upon search, officers located suspected narcotics, and a knife concealed on the male. The male was transported to the police station where he advised his shoulder was sore. The male was then brought to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Center (TBRHSC) and it was found that



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the male had a separated shoulder and may require surgery. The SIU was then contacted by the TBPS.

On October 2, 2024, the SIU advised that the investigation was complete and closed.

## **Administrative Investigation – Conclusion**

From a review of this incident in relation to the SIU investigation, it was found that secondary officers not involved in the initial arrest did not complete sufficient notes in relation to their involvement. As a result, a training review in relation to notetaking and report writing will occur. A review of use of force reporting procedures will also occur with the arresting officers to ensure completeness and that processes are correct.

## **Policies reviewed during this administrative review**

- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P9c3 Use of Force
- 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 P6c48a Search of Persons
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P6c48c Prisoner Transportation
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P2c13 Special Investigations Unit
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P6c86c Drug Investigations
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P3c4 Report Submission
- Thunder Bay Police Service Policy P6c40 Police Officer Notetaking

## **Recommendations being implemented as a result of this review**

Amendments to procedure P6c86c Drug Investigations is occurring to ensure links and legislative references are updated.