

Report

Subject: Administrative Review of SIU Investigation (SIU #25-OCI166)
From: Inspector Jamie Taylor
To: The Chair and Members of the Woodstock Police Services Board
Date: September 5, 2025

Recommendation

For Information only.

Summary

On April 25, 2025, Woodstock Police Service (WPS) attended Reeve Street near the Oxford County building in the City of Woodstock for a report of an intoxicated male who was assaultive and threatening the complainant.

The responding officer arrived onscene and located the intoxicated male. The officer made every effort to de-escalate the intoxicated male who was belligerent and got in the face of the officer. The male was arrested for public intoxication for his own safety. In effort to gain and maintain control of this male he was taken to the ground using empty hand techniques. The male was transported to the police station where he complained of a sore rib. The male was transported to the hospital where he was diagnosed with a fractured rib. As a result of the fractured rib the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was notified.

The SIU investigated the incident and there was no criminal conduct by the responding officer. No subject official was designated.

This report summarizes the required review pursuant to section 81(4) of the Community Safety and Policing Act and Special Investigations Unit Act.

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On April 25, 2025, Police were dispatched to Reeve Street near the Oxford County building. The complainant was walking his dog when the subject approached him and began swearing at him and clenching his fists. The complainant feared the subject was going to assault him. The subject

then grabbed the complainant by the shirt causing his shirt to rip. The complainant managed to break free and call the police. The subject threatened the complainant that he was going to kill him. Police arrived on scene and located the subject who was slurring his words and had a strong odour of alcoholic beverage on his breath. The responding officer formed the opinion that the subject was intoxicated and arrested him for public intoxication. The subject resisted arrest and was taken to the ground in effort to gain control and place the subject in handcuffs. The subject was transported to the Woodstock Police Station where he complained of a sore rib. As a result, the subject was transported to the Woodstock Hospital where he was diagnosed with a fractured rib.

WPS notified the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), and the SIU invoked their mandate. No officers were designated as the *subject official* or *witness officials*, and all officers remained on active duty.

On August 11, 2025, the SIU advised, in a letter from Bill Marshall the Investigative Manager of the SIU, the file had been closed, and no further action was contemplated. In the Director's view, there were no reasonable grounds in the evidence to proceed with criminal charges against the subject official.

Section 81 (4) of the Community Safety and Policing Act and Special Investigations Unit Act requires the Chief of Police to cause an investigation into any incident with respect to which the SIU has been notified. The purpose of this investigation is to determine if any changes are required to the policies or procedures of the service. The regulation also requires the police service to report the findings to the Police Services Board.

In the SIU Director's letter dated August 11th, 2025, Mr. Marshall noted that despite invoking the mandate, they have terminated the investigation into the incident resulting in an injury to a male on April 25, 2025. There are no recommendations for any changes to the Service's policies and/or procedures at this time.

Attachments

Nil

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