

COMPLAINT #19003

A complaint was laid against the Subject Officer (a member of the Summerside Police Service) regarding his choice in November of 2018 not to lay charges against a Summerside Resident. The Complainant had been carrying a protest sign which contained allegations that offended the Resident. The Resident complained to the SPS and asked that the Complainant be stopped from carrying the sign.

The Complainant then demanded that the Resident be charged with Public Mischief for making false statements. The Subject Officer investigated the matter and determined, after consulting with the Crown, that there was no basis for a charge.

The Complainant then complained to the Chief Officer of the Summerside Police Service. The Chief Officer found that the complaint was not well founded.

The Complainant asked for a Review of that decision by the Office of the Police Commissioner (OPC). His request for a review included references to many irrelevant items including events that were more than twenty years in the past.

The Review and subsequent Reconsideration of that Review (done at the request of the Complainant) found that there was no violation of the Code of Professional Conduct and Discipline (the Code). The decision noted that the role of the OPC is not to determine whether an officer's investigative decisions were right or wrong but whether the officer committed a violation of the Code.