



Royal Canadian Mounted Police – “L” Division

Investigation Summary

Referred by: Office of the Police Commissioner / Ministerial Directive

Subject: Charlottetown Police Service Members

File #: RCMP 2021-412462 / OPC 2021-001

May 31, 2021

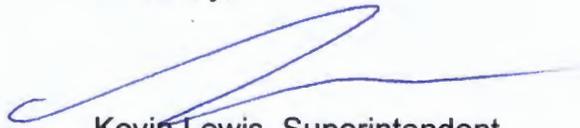
On March 26th, 2021, the "L" Division Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) received correspondence from the Office of the Police Commissioner containing the Ministerial Directive transferring investigational responsibility to the RCMP regarding Charlottetown Police Service's (CPS) interaction with an adult male at his apartment building on October 25, 2020. The complainant was concerned that the responding CPS members fail to provide the necessities of life and prevented EMS from treating the male, albeit the male recovered from his injuries. The RCMP "L" Division Major Crime Unit was tasked with completing this investigation.

For the purpose of the investigation into the actions of CPS, all investigative material from the original file was reviewed including medical records, as well as additional interviews and material. The RCMP interviewed the male, the five EMS personnel that attended to him, and a neighbour who witnessed a portion of the interaction in the hallway. The involved CPS members were offered interviews, however declined.

The complaint to the Office of the Police Commission centered around Charlottetown Police Service file 2020-1575840. Two CPS members conducted a wellness check at the apartment of the male, initiated by a friend of his who felt he was in mental health distress. While interacting with the male at the apartment, he became assaultive toward the two CPS members. The male had self-inflicted injuries to his neck and body. The CPS Members called for back-up and were required to use minimal force to gain control of the male who was combative, resistant and threatening to the members. Additional members arrived on-scene and first-aid was provided to the male for his self-inflicted wounds. Island EMS attended to the male's injuries and transported him to the hospital.

A review of the actions taken do not lead to any reasonable grounds present to suggest the CPS members actively prevented treatment, or failed to provide treatment. The RCMP finds that no reasonable grounds exist to support an offence under sec 215 Criminal Code, or any other criminal offence.

Sincerely,



Kevin Lewis, Superintendent
Criminal Operations Officer
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