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Hon. Gerard Mitchell  
Police Commissioner  
Province of Prince Edward Island  
114 Kent Street  
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Dear Hon. Mitchell,

**RE: Charlottetown Police Service File # 2017-79974**

Per the request dated January 27, 2017 from the Office of the Police Commissioner, please find attached the RCMP response to the oversight of investigation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Joanne Crampton, C/Supt. M.O.M.  
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cc: Paul Stetson

**“L” Division RCMP  
Oversight of Investigation**

**Charlottetown Police Service File # 2017-79974  
R vs. Taylor MCGUIGAN**

**Adult Robbery – with other offensive weapon CC 344  
Adult Disguised with intent to commit offence CC 351(2)**

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the RCMP received a request from the Office of the Police Commissioner to provide “oversight” of a criminal investigation conducted by the Charlottetown Police Service. The investigation was in relation to an armed robbery which occurred on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 355 Queen Street, Charlottetown, PE. A suspect, Taylor McGuigan, was identified and arrested for the robbery. Taylor is the daughter of D/Chief Gary McGuigan of the CPS.

The Office of the Police Commissioner has defined their request as follows;

*A review of the reports and documentation contained within the police file to determine if there is any indication of outside influence, preferential treatment or favouritism towards the suspect. The review is not intended to critique the investigative file nor to make judgement on how the investigation was conducted.*

Investigators with the RCMP met with Chief Paul Smith of the Charlottetown Police Service and obtained a copy of their investigational file. Additional information was sought during the review and was provided by Chief Smith.

Upon completing a review of the material provided by the Charlottetown Police Service, nothing was located to support a finding that there was outside influence, preferential treatment or favouritism towards the suspect. During the review it was noted that Sgt. Walter Vessey did contact D/Chief McGuigan to advise him that Taylor McGuigan was a suspect in a robbery. This was followed up on for clarification and it was learned that the phone call was made in an attempt to locate Taylor MacGuigan. As a result of the telephone call, D/Chief McGuigan was able to provide a location of where Taylor McGuigan was living and her mobile phone number. D/Chief McGuigan further instructed Sgt. Vessey to investigate the matter “as it would be for anybody.” The information provided by D/Chief McGuigan was consistent what the investigators had learned and ultimately resulted in the arrest of Taylor McGuigan.

Taylor McGuigan has been charged with the offences as noted above and the matter is currently before the Provincial Court.

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