

Office of
the Police Commissioner



August 14, 2017

Hon. Wade MacLauchlan
Minister of Justice and Public Safety and
Attorney General of Prince Edward Island
PO Box 2000
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Dear Sir;

Re: Summary of Investigation by CPS of SPS off duty police constable

Please find attached the summary of the above investigation with a cover letter from Chief Paul Smith to the OPC. The OPC will post a summary of the investigation on the OPC web site as per your instructions.

Regards


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July 26, 2017

Mr. Paul Stetson
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Dear Mr. Stetson,

RE: SUMMERSIDE POLICE SERVICE (SPS) - FILE REFERRAL – 2017804180

Please find attached a summary of the investigation completed with respect to an off duty member of the SPS which has been completed as requested by your office and Chief S. Poirier SPS.

As indicated in the summary this matter was investigated by our Major Crime Unit (Sgt. Walter Vessey) Should you have any questions or require anything additional, please feel free to contact this office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Paul Smith".

A. Paul Smith, O.O.M.
Chief of Police



Charlottetown Police Services

Summary of Investigation

Referred from Summerside Police Services

File 2017804180

On June 14th, Charlottetown Police Services (CPS) received a request from Chief D. Poirier Summerside Police Services (SPS) as a follow-up to a request from the Office of the Police Commissioner to carry out an investigation into an alleged assault by an off duty officer associated to the SPS.

On June 16 this matter was assigned to the Major Crime Unit of the CPS to carry out a full investigation of the reported incident. This file was concluded by the investigating officer on June 28, 2017.

The allegation investigated involved an off duty officer of the SPS reportedly being intoxicated, unruly and combative at a residence in Summerside, in which he was a tenant.

Through the course of this investigation, the investigator contacted and interviewed eight individuals present during the initial incident and others who attended at the residence following the matter being reported. Of those interviewed three were civilians involved in the initial report, and five were SPS officers. It should also be noted that one civilian and one SPS officer were the resident owners in which the off duty officer was a tenant.

Upon completion of the investigation it was determined by the investigator that there was no reasonable expectation of a conviction to support the filing of any criminal charges in this matter. This determination was made with respect to the lack of intent on the part of the individual and the position of all civilian parties involved in not wishing to proceed with any form of criminal action.

Chief Poirier was advised of the outcome and would be examining internal disciplinary action.