

Report

Subject: Administrative Review of SIU Investigation (SIU #24-OCI-048)
From: Inspector Jamie Taylor
To: The Chair and Members of the Woodstock Police Services Board
Date: June 10th, 2024

Recommendation

For Information only.

Summary

On February 1, 2024 Woodstock Police Service (WPS) were in the area of Graham Street and Dundas Street in the City of Woodstock. In an attempt to escape apprehension by police, the man scaled a fence and fell coming down. The man was taken into custody and later seen at hospital where he was reportedly diagnosed with fractures of the right hand and wrist. As a result of the fractured hand and wrist the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was notified.

The SIU investigated the incident and determined that there was no criminal conduct by the responding officer. No Subject Officer was designated.

This report summarizes the required review pursuant to section 34 of *Ontario Regulation 268/10 of the Police Service Act*.

Report

On February the 1, 2024 at approximately 12:30am Woodstock Police were in the area of Graham Street and Dundas Street in the City of Woodstock. Police observed a male who appeared to be intoxicated yelling and swearing at nothing in particular.

The behaviour caught the attention of Police who were nearby dealing with an alarm. Police noticed the same male shortly after on Finkle Street accosting an old man who was using a walker. Police spoke to this male and noted he was stumbling, slurring his words, drooling and had red glossy eyes. Police became concerned for his well-being due to his level of intoxication

and his behaviour walking in and out of the roadway. The male was advised he was under arrest for public intoxication.

The male fled on foot and scaled a metal fence and fell coming down. The metal fence did not need to be jumped as there was an obvious large opening in the fence to allow passage through it. The male suffered injuries to his right hand and wrist from this fall.

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 May 23, 2024, the SIU advised, in a letter from the Director, Joseph Martino, 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.

Ontario Regulation 268/10, section 34 of the *Police Services 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 May 23, 2024, Mr. Martino noted that despite invoking the mandate, they have terminated the investigation into the incident resulting in a custody injury to a male on February 1, 2024. There are no recommendations for any changes to the Service's policies and/or procedures at this time.

Attachments

Nil

Prepared By: Inspector Jamie Taylor

Approved By: Chief Rod Wilkinson