

Timmins Police Service Board



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TO: Timmins Police Service Board

FROM: Chief Sydney Lecky

CC: Deputy Chief Darren Dinel, CHRE Paula Del Guidice

DATE: October 2nd, 2026

RE: Chief's Report on Special Investigations Unit Investigation - SIU File # 26-OCI-139

Purpose

This Board Report is provided to report on an investigation that was conducted by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) pursuant to section 15 of the *Special Investigations Unit Act, 2019*.

In accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, once an investigation is conducted by the SIU, the Chief shall conduct an investigation to determine the following:

1. the member's conduct in relation to the incident;
2. the policing provided by the member in relation to the incident; and
3. the procedures established by the chief of police as they related to the incident.

The Chief shall then report the findings of that investigation to the Board, who shall publish the report.

Background

On April 11, 2022, at 9:20 a.m., the Complainant of the SIU investigation contacted a school in Timmins to speak to his son. The school advised they would leave a message for his son. At 9:30 a.m., the Complainant attended the school and stormed past the

principal in the hallway, yelling and cursing that he wanted to speak to his son. The school went into a hold and secure mode. At 10:03 a.m., Timmins Police Service (TPS) officers attended and arrested the Complainant. The officers brought the Complainant's arm behind the back when he resisted as he flexed his arm and pulled away. The officers took the Complainant to the ground, and a knee strike was delivered to his side. The Complainant was transported to the police station and processed. At 11:02 a.m., he was released on an undertaking. On September 2, 2024, the Complainant submitted a complaint to the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA). The complaint was not investigated at the time because the complainant's matter was still before the courts.

On March 18, 2026, the Complainant re-engaged his complaint with LECA and the complaint contained information that the Complainant had sustained broken ribs. The Timmins Police Service contacted the SIU to report the information. The SIU contacted the Complainant, who advised them he had sustained broken ribs from his interaction with TPS officers and would provide documentation.

On March 23, 2026, the Complainant provided medical documentation to SIU, which indicated he had been diagnosed with a non-displaced fracture to the posterolateral aspect of the left ninth rib.

The SIU conducted their investigation and concluded that there were no reasonable grounds to believe that the Complainant's injury was attributable to the unlawful conduct on the part of the police [SIU Director's Report \(Case #26-OCI-139\)](#). The SIU published the report on their website on July 2, 2026.

The Chief ordered an investigation into the required conduct, service, and policy considerations. The investigation was conducted by the Professional Standards Bureau. The investigation included all available evidence and information such as:

1. Witness Statements;
2. Police Reports;
3. SIU Investigative Report;
4. 9-1-1 Recordings; and
5. Social Media Postings.

Additionally, there were five Standard Operating Procedures that were reviewed in considering the circumstances of this incident which include:

1. SOP 6.12 – Use of Force;
2. SOP 2.05 – Arrest;
3. SOP 8.38 – Special Investigation Unit;
4. SOP 2.01 – Community Patrol;
5. SOP 2.12 – Search of Persons; and
6. SOP 2.22 – Officer Note Taking.

In the circumstances, the officers were responding to a call for service where school officials requested the removal of the complainant from their property and believed the situation was volatile enough to order a lockdown of the school. The officers responded to the school, addressed the concerns of school officials, and attempted to gain compliance from the complainant. The officers were unable to gain compliance from the complainant which resulted in his arrest; which was authorized by law.

The core duties of a police officer include Law Enforcement and Emergency Response. The officers attended a call for service that required their response to the situation that included duties related to law enforcement. In conducting these duties there were no conduct issues identified through the investigation. Further, they provided the services necessary to carry out their duties to respond to the call for service and acted lawfully in fulfilling those duties. Lastly, the policies were reviewed, the officers complied with the applicable requirements in the respective policies and the policies provided appropriate and sufficient direction.

Legislation

s. 81 *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* – provides direction to the Chief for conducting an investigation and reporting SIU investigations.

s. 8 *Ontario Regulation 90/24* – provides direction to the Board on the publication of the Chief's report.

s. 82 *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* – Duties of a Police Officer.

Analysis

In the circumstances, the officers were responding to a call for service where school officials requested the removal of the complainant from their property and believed the situation was volatile enough to order a hold and secure inside the school. The officers responded to the school, addressed the concerns of school officials, and attempted to gain compliance from the complainant. The officers were unable to gain compliance from the complainant to leave the school peacefully, requiring them to initiate an arrest to resolve the matter; which was authorized by law.

The core duties of a police officer include Law Enforcement and Emergency Response. The officers attended a call for service that required their response to the situation that included duties related to law enforcement. In conducting these duties there were no conduct issues identified through the investigation. Further, they provided the services necessary to carry out their duties to respond to the call for service and acted lawfully in fulfilling those duties. Lastly, the policies were reviewed, the officers complied with the applicable requirements in the respective policies and the policies provided appropriate and sufficient direction on the expectations of fulfilling their duties and providing

necessary police services. Accordingly, I do not find any misconduct, lack of police services, or policy changes necessary in this instance.

Recommendation

I recommend accepting the report as submitted and directing it be published on the Timmins Police Service website.

Sydney Lecky
Police Chief