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2025-3732

Our File - Notre référence

2025-1265157

Mr. Dana-Lee Melfi

Date:

September 11, 2025

**RE: Public Complaint – *Part VII of the RCMP Act*
Mr. Dana-lee Melfi vs. Sergeant Mathieu Castonguay**

Dear Mr. Melfi,

This letter is in reference to your concerns as expressed to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on March 23, 2025. It refers to allegations against Sergeant Mathieu Castonguay of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Montreal Headquarters. This letter constitutes a Notice of Direction to refuse to investigate your complaint pursuant to subsection 45.61(3) of the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act*.

Notice of Direction – Subsection 45.61(3) of the *RCMP Act*

A review of your communications sent to the RCMP was conducted. Your complaint outlines that you have been illegally arrested by a member of the RCMP and an Ottawa Police Service (OPS) officer during the 2022 Freedom Convoy that occurred in Ottawa. You allege to have been the victim of collusion and corruption by multiple policing forces, including the RCMP. You are looking to instigate a criminal investigation against the arresting RCMP member as well as the OPS members that were present/involved in your arrest.

Paragraph 45.61(1)(b) of the *RCMP Act* confers on the Commissioner of the RCMP or his delegate the duty to direct to not commence or continue an investigation if, in the Commissioner's opinion, having regard to all the circumstances, it is not necessary or reasonably practicable to commence or continue an investigation of the complaint.

In your emails exchange with the public complaint investigator, Corporal Jeffrey Veilleux, you made it clear that you were not making a public complaint but rather you were seeking a criminal investigation. The RCMP Public Complaint process, thus a complaint lodge to the CRCC or the

RCMP under *Part VII of the RCMP Act* is a non-punitive measure used to seek corrective action, if needed, including but not limited to, providing operational guidance and training to a subject employee. This process is not the avenue to initiate a criminal investigation. You may file a criminal complaint with the police of jurisdiction, the Ottawa Police Service.

Having regard to all the circumstances, I am of the opinion that it is not necessary to commence a public complaint investigation into your concerns. Accordingly, pursuant to paragraph 45.61(1)(b) of the *RCMP Act*, I am directing that an investigation into your complaint not be commenced. Pursuant to subsection 45.61(3) of the *RCMP Act*, I am notifying you that if you are not satisfied with the decision, you may request a review by the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP by writing to them within 60 days after receiving this Notice of Direction, at the following address or online at the following webpage:

Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP
P.O. Box 1722, Station B
Ottawa, Ontario
K1P 0B3
Fax: 1-613-952-8045

Or

www.crrc-ccetp.gc.ca/en/request-review-form

Regards,

Inspector Alex Pettigrew

CC: Sergeant Mathieu Castonguay
NHQ Division Professional Responsibility Unit
National Public Complaints Directorate
Civilian Review and Complaints Commission