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Via email: dana_lee_ca@hotmail.com

Dear Dana-Lee Melfi,
Re: IOP Complaint Number: 26-46

The Inspector General for Policing has reviewed your complaint that was submitted on January 19, 2026. Based on our review of your complaint pertaining to the conduct of the Ottawa Police Service, the Inspector General has determined that section 107(2)(b) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) applies, and it would not be in the public interest to investigate your complaint.

The following is an explanation for that decision.

Your complaint

You indicated your complaint was regarding the adequacy and effectiveness of the Ottawa Police Service as an organization stemming from an arrest in February 2022 while you were attending a protest in Ottawa. You alleged the arrest violated your *Charter* rights, and disclosures obtained through the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA), demonstrated a discrepancy in official records. You alleged record-keeping practices and standards could be inaccurate because a document indicated that the arresting officer was from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP and not an Ottawa Police Service (OPS) officer.

You wrote about OPS court disclosures and made allegations regarding LECA's processes and decisions. You alleged the Chief of OPS committed the criminal offences of forgery and conspiracy because you were an "innocent person" "that was prosecuted. You made allegations of misconduct directed at officers and you wanted the Inspectorate of Policing (IoP) to review LECA's decision not to investigate your complaint(s).

The Inspector General of Policing's mandate

The Inspector General of Policing has jurisdiction over complaints related to compliance with Ontario's *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) and its regulations by

police services, police service boards, and organizations that employ special constables. The Inspector General of Policing also responds to complaints about adequate and effective policing, the policies and services of boards and chiefs of police, and allegations of misconduct by police service board members.

Decision

The Inspector General of Policing's (IoP) jurisdiction to deal with complaints is governed by the CSPA. All complaints are given serious and full consideration, and members of the IoP apply a rigorous assessment process designed to identify complaints which warrant further action. The CSPA also permits the Inspector General to refuse to investigate policing complaints *that are, in their opinion, not in the public interest.*

Under the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA) holds the exclusive mandate to investigate officer misconduct and manage individual public complaints. The Inspectorate of Policing (IoP) lacks the legal authority to review or challenge LECA's internal processes or final decisions. Consequently, these allegations may be interpreted as an attempt to bypass established oversight finality.

Furthermore, the arrest in question occurred in February 2022, predating the CSPA's proclamation on April 1, 2024. As the Act is not retroactive in this capacity, the matter falls outside the IoP's jurisdiction.

Regarding the arrest report, the misidentification of an RCMP officer as an OPS officer is considered an isolated administrative error rather than evidence of a systemic failure in service delivery. This discrepancy does not meet the threshold required to demonstrate that the OPS is failing to provide adequate policing services to the community. For concerns regarding record-keeping accuracy, you may contact the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) of Ontario.

Section 107(2)(b) of the CSPA permits the Inspector General to decline to investigate a complaint where they have formed the opinion, having regard to all the circumstances, that dealing with the complaint is not in the public interest. In this case, the Inspector General has concluded, based on a review of your complaint, as well as having considered the criteria delineated in subsections 107(3)(a)-(d), that it is not in the public interest to proceed with an investigation.

Our file is now closed and is not subject to appeal.

Sincerely,

Camille Prospero
Police Service Advisor