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DE-IDENTIFIED SUMMARY UNDER SECTION 167(2) OF THE CSPA

Original Police Service:

Date of Complaint: 01/27/2025

Type of Investigation:

Referred to Same Service: ☒

Referred to Other Service: ☐

Retained by LECA: ☐

Service Investigations Referred to:

De-identified Summary of Complaint

On January 23, 2025 at approximately 6:54 pm the [REDACTED] Police Service received a call for service from a supervisor at the Kids Help Phone (Kids Help Phone offers 24/7 support for young people) indicating that a youth is experiencing physical abuse. The youth reported that her step dad grabbed her and threw her to the floor, leaving marks on her and that her mother was currently screaming at her through the door. Information was also provided that suggested the youth was in possession of knives and suicidal.

Upon the arrival of police the complainant states that the officer failed to take his boots off, leaving muddy foot prints on the floor, and the officer traumatized the youth when he said he would take them to a local hospital where they would not be released for 2 weeks.

These comments are said to have traumatized the child.

Unsubstantiated Code of Conduct Allegations

undermined, or was likely to undermine, public trust in policing contrary to Section 195(a) of the Community Safety Policing Act,

Decision and Reasons

Upon review of the incident there is no evidence to suggest that the Respondent officer conducted himself in a manner that undermined, or was likely to undermine, public trust in policing.

The Respondent officer adhered to [REDACTED] General Orders and the Child Abuse Protocol for the [REDACTED] and the Child and Family Services Act which states, "Under the provisions of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, there is a legal duty for all peace officers to report any suspected or actual incidents of child sexual abuse, child physical abuse and neglect to Family and Children's Services as soon as practical. This duty cannot be delegated".

The Respondent officer's primary objective was to ensure the safety of the youth. Once this was accomplished the Respondent made efforts to assist the youth and the parents with possible options and resources to move forward.

A witness officer stated that the Respondent Officer showed nothing but compassion and empathy for the youth and was truly attempting to assist the youth in a time of crisis.

The Respondent Officer denies making the statement that he would be taking the youth to the hospital or stating that the youth would be held against their will for 2 weeks and there is no physical evidence to suggest he did make such a statement.

Additionally, during a call for service of this magnitude it is determined that an officer removing his boots is not feasible as exigent circumstance presented and this action does not constitute misconduct as defined under the Community Safety and Policing Act.

The allegation is unsubstantiated.