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

Original Police Service:

Date of Complaint: 02/11/2025

Type of Investigation:

Referred to Same Service: ◉ Referred to Other Service: ○ Retained by LECA: ○

Service Investigations Referred to:

De-identified Summary of Complaint

The complainant alleged that the officers failed to thoroughly investigate reports of suspicious activity and gunfire and that a personal connection between one officer and a neighbour created a conflict of interest.

Unsubstantiated Code of Conduct Allegations

Public-Undermine Public Trust - Sec 10 CSPA, Reg. 407/23
Duty-Neglect or Omit - Sec 19 CSPA, Reg. 407/23

Decision and Reasons

Public - Undermine Public Trust - Sec 10

The complainant alleged that a respondent officer maintained a personal relationship with an individual associated with the complaint, and that this relationship improperly influenced the officer's conduct and objectivity during the investigation.

The Professional Standards Investigator interviewed both the respondent officer and the civilian in question. Each acknowledged a general familiarity due to residing in the same rural community but denied any personal or social relationship. There was no evidence of regular interaction, socialization, or any form of connection that would constitute a conflict of interest. Based on the information obtained, there is no indication that the officer's actions were improperly influenced or that public trust was undermined.

Duty - Neglect or Omit - Sec 19

The complainant expressed dissatisfaction with the police response to his reports of gunfire and other activity, which he believed constituted deliberate harassment.

The Professional Standards Investigator conducted a thorough review of the complaint, including duty reports, officer notes, relevant police records, and applicable local zoning and by-law provisions. The investigation determined that the respondent officers appropriately addressed the complaints. The reported gunfire was consistent with lawful firearm use in an agricultural area and did not meet the threshold of excessive or nuisance activity. The complainant was advised that concerns regarding firearm use should be directed to local elected officials if he wished to pursue amendments to existing regulations.

Additional concerns raised by the complainant, including manure dumping and spreading were assessed and found to be consistent with standard agricultural practices. These findings were supported by photographic evidence, officer observations, and an independent assessment