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

Original Police Service:

Date of Complaint: 04/03/2025

Type of Investigation:

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

Service Investigations Referred to:

### De-identified Summary of Complaint

On April 2nd, 2025 the complainant attended a political rally to protest with dozens of others who also gathered for a similar purpose. While in attendance a disagreement developed between protestors and event security staff regarding the boundary of public vs private property.

The disagreement between protestors and security resulted in a physical confrontation with pushing and raised voices, with police then becoming involved.

The complainant reported being pushed by security to move back, and instinctively shoving back. The complainant then recalled being lunged at by a police officer, and pushing back against the officer.

The complaint reported then being grabbed by the throat, with the officer squeezing making it difficult to breath.

Unsubstantiated Code of Conduct Allegations

Allegation 1 – Unnecessary Use of Force Section 11 of the CSPA

Decision and Reasons

Investigation into the allegations revealed conflicting statements from the complainant and the respondent and witness officers regarding their interaction. A review of Criminal and Provincial Law regarding use of force found that the officer was justified in using the amount of force displayed given the circumstance presented. Investigation revealed the officer was faced with assaultive behaviour, and responded with a minimal amount of force that did not result in any serious injury.

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This count was found to be unsubstantiated.

A review of all available evidence found that the amount of force used was reasonable given the circumstance.