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

Original Police Service:

Date of Complaint: 08/26/2025

Type of Investigation:

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

Service Investigations Referred to:

De-identified Summary of Complaint

On May 1, 2024, an individual was found hanging in the garage of their residence. Emergency services, including police, paramedics, and fire personnel, attended the location and performed resuscitative efforts.

The individual was transported to hospital, where they were subsequently pronounced deceased.

As a result, members of the local police service, in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario, conducted an investigation into the circumstances of the death.

A family member of the decedent filed a complaint with the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency disputing the conclusions of the investigation and alleging that the circumstances surrounding the death were not adequately investigated.

Unsubstantiated Code of Conduct Allegations

Section 19(1) of Ontario Regulation 407/23 (Performance of Duties)

Decision and Reasons

It was alleged that RO1 failed to conduct an adequate and thorough investigation regarding the death of the decedent.

The issue for determination is whether the actions of RO1 were reasonable in the circumstances, having regard to the information available at the time, and not whether every conceivable investigative step was undertaken.

Having carefully reviewed the available evidence, including witness statements, scene observations, and follow up investigative efforts, there is no evidence to support the allegation that RO1 failed to conduct a reasonable investigation or engaged in misconduct. The investigative steps taken were consistent with the role of police in a sudden death investigation, which is to assess whether there are indicators of foul play or criminal involvement.

Accordingly, based on the totality of the evidence, the conduct of the RO1 was reasonable in the circumstances.

Based on further investigation and analysis, the allegation has been deemed to be unsubstantiated.