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

Original Police Service:

Date of Complaint: 06/13/2024

Type of Investigation:

Referred to Same Service:

Referred to Other Service:

Retained by LECA:

Service Investigations Referred to:

### De-identified Summary of Complaint

1. The complainant alleges that the respondent officer undermined public trust by failing to return their drivers license at the conclusion of a traffic stop.
2. On August 9th, 2024, the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA) sent correspondence to [REDACTED] Police [REDACTED], directing the Professional Standards Bureau (PSB) to investigate the allegations made by the complainant. Subsequently, PSB commenced an investigation into the conduct of the responding officer.
3. Through correspondence with the complainant, the responding officer and review of available In-Car Camera System video, it was believed that the driver's license had been returned to the complainant at the conclusion of the traffic stop and the complaint was not substantiated.

## Unsubstantiated Code of Conduct Allegations

Allegation #1 – Interactions with the Public, section 10 (1) Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

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## Decision and Reasons

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1. It is alleged that the respondent officer failed to return the complainant's drivers license at the conclusion of a traffic stop, which, if substantiated would undermine public trust in policing.
2. At the time of the traffic stop, the respondent officer activated their In Car Camera System video, which recorded said traffic stop in its entirety. In reviewing this video, after initial interaction with the complainant, the respondent officer can be seen placing the complainants driver's license on the dash of the police vehicle. The driver's license remains in this position, until the respondent officer is then recorded picking the driver's license up off the dash and exiting their police vehicle.
3. The respondent officer was observed on video walking directly to the complainant's vehicle and did not stop or make any action that would indicate anything was dropped or otherwise missing. Within the video, paper documents were observed in the respondent officer's hand as they approached the complainants vehicle.
4. The respondent officer returned the documents they had been holding in their hand to the complainant and then walked back to their police vehicle empty handed.
5. Having reviewed the In Car Camera video evidence and having correspondence with both the complainant and responding officer, it is believed that the drivers license was returned to the complainant at the conclusion of the traffic stop and was reasonably lost sometime after the complainant departed.
6. Based on the evidence obtained, the PSB investigation has determined that there is insufficient evidence to establish that misconduct occurred in the allegation listed above. As a result, with respect to the allegation, the conclusion is unsubstantiated.