

July 4, 2016

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Dear Ms. Daniel,

RE: Public Complaint: Thunder Bay Police Service
OIPRD Complaint #: E-201603181148379843 – Brad DeBungee
E-201693181117037812 – Chief Jim Leonard

Thank you for your letters of May 2nd, 2016 which constituted both your inquiry regarding the parameters of the OIPRD investigation into the complaints from Mr. DeBungee and Chief Leonard as well as the release from Mr. DeBungee.

Director McNeilly has carefully considered both the content of the complaints as well as your request for a systemic review of the Thunder Bay Police Service. Additionally you requested that the OIPRD reassign the investigation of the death of Stacy DeBungee to a police service other than the Thunder Bay Police Service.

In terms of the complaints made by Mr. Brad DeBungee and Chief Jim Leonard, these complaints will be investigated by the OIPRD with the purpose of determining the facts surrounding the death of Stacy DeBungee and whether the investigation carried out by members of the Thunder Bay Police Service gives rise to a finding that reasonable grounds exist that misconduct under the *Police Services Act* occurred.

The investigation will also probe the approach taken generally to such or similar cases, as well as drawing on information and evidence from the current inquest into the deaths of Aboriginal youth.

The above will not only inform the outcome of the conduct investigation but will also lead to Director McNeilly's determination as to how a broader systemic review into these issues will be conducted in the fall and in conjunction with the conclusion of the conduct investigation.

In terms of your request to have the investigation into the death of Stacy DeBungee removed from the Thunder Bay Police Service and assigned to another police force, the *Police Services Act* does not grant Director McNeilly the authority to direct police services or Chiefs of Police in operational matters. You may wish to present your request to Chief Levesque.

I would request that you share this letter with Mr. Brad DeBungee and Chief Jim Leonard so that they are informed of the intent and direction of the investigation into their complaints.

I will be in touch shortly to arrange interviews with both Mr. DeBungee and Chief Leonard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Cormier', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ken Cormier
Senior Manager of Investigations
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