



Nishnawbe Aski Police Service
Professional Standards Bureau – GHQ
973 Balmoral Street, Thunder Bay, ON, P7B 0E2

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 17, 2025
TO: Nishnawbe Aski Police Service Board
FROM: Nishnawbe Aski Police Service Professional Standards Bureau
SUBJECT: Section 81 Report Required under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*,
SIU File #25-OCI-047
For information purposes

Under subsection 81(1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, if the SIU Director causes an incident to be investigated under Section 15 of the *Special Investigations Unit Act*, the Chief of Police shall investigate; the members conduct in relation to the incident, the policing provided by the member in relation to the incident; and the procedures established by the Chief of Police as they related to the incident.

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 90/24 *General Matters Under the Authority of the Minister*, made under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, the Chief of Police is required to report on an investigation completed as per subsection 81(1) and shall give the report to the Police Service Board.

Incident Summary

On December 28, 2024, the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service (NAPS) Sachigo Lake Detachment received a complaint from a Band Constable that a male was running around with a knife.

Officers located the male by a coffee shop near the community center. The male was observed swinging a knife in the air. When officers demanded the male to drop the knife, he stated, “fuck off” and performed a slashing motion toward police. Officers lost sight of the male.

A short time later, a Band Constable contacted police with the location of the male. Officers again located the male by the community center and coffee shop. The male walked away from officers, and officers continued to demand the male put the knife down. The male turned around and swung the knife at officers.

A Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) was drawn by one officer. The male was informed that if he did not comply with officer demands, the CEW would be deployed.

Officers continued to follow the male who then swung his knife in an officer’s direction. One officer deployed the CEW with the first shot being ineffective. The other officer deployed the CEW, with his shot being ineffective.



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The male continued to evade police, but eventually he turned around and faced police in a combative stance. The CEW was deployed again with success. Officers quickly gained control of the male while he was on the ground and removed the knife from the area. The male continued to resist arrest. The male was observed with the CEW prong in his neck.

The male was advised of the charges he was under arrest, read his Rights to Counsel, and immediately transported to the nursing station to be medically assessed for the CEW prong in his neck.

Upon arrival at the nursing station, it was determined that the male had removed the prongs from his neck on his own. The male was seen by a medical professional and medically cleared. He was transported to the Sachigo Lake NAPS Detachment for processing and lodging.

On December 30, 2024, the male was remanded into custody. He was transferred over to another NAPS Constable at the Sachigo Lake airport.

On February 3, 2025, the male called his mother and reported that he had an x-ray taken, which revealed a broken collarbone. The male advised that the injury was sustained during his arrest on December 28, 2024. At no point during the arrest, did the male complain of pain or mention any collar bone issues.

On February 3, 2025, NAPS contacted the SIU to notify them of the incident. SIU initiated an investigation and identified Subject and Witness Officials as well as Civilian Witnesses.

The SIU subsequently requested records from NAPS to begin their investigation.

On May 23, 2025, the SIU notified NAPS that the investigation by the SIU was complete and there were no reasonable grounds to believe that the Subject Official committed a criminal offence in connection with the Complainant's arrest and injury.

Section 81 Review – Conclusion

After reviewing the incident, it was determined that there were no concerns of misconduct or policy/procedure breaches. The officers transported the male to the nursing station immediately upon arrest to have the CEW prongs removed.

At no point throughout either of the officer's notes is it stated that the male complained about his collar bone or pain. Neither officer noted any injury or potential for injury other than the CEW deployment in his neck which he was medically cleared.

The Prisoner Security Check form was also reviewed for any documentation related to injury; none was noted. There were no signs of the male complaining of injury in the cell video.



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Police Orders Reviewed During Section 81 Review

- NAPS Chapter 2 – Law Enforcement
 - o 2.41.1 ARREST RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND CAUTION
 - o 2.42 USE OF FORCE
 - o 2.43 SEARCH OF PERSON
 - o 2.47 PRISONER CARE AND CONTROL
 - Prisoner Care Manual
 - o 2.50 MEMBER NOTE TAKING

Recommendations as a Result of the Section 81 Review

As noted above, the officers conducted themselves in a professional and respectful manner throughout their involvement in the incident. The officers acted within their lawful authority and within the requirements of NAPS Police Orders – Policy and Procedure.

It was noted during the Section 81 review that the Sachigo Lake Detachment cell footage was timestamped with December 27, 2024, when the incident occurred on December 28, 2024. Professional Standards submitted a ticket with IT to ensure the footage timestamp is properly synced with the appropriate date and time. IT confirmed that the discrepancy has been resolved.