

UNDERSTANDING BEI INVESTIGATIONS



INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

EVENT: A person other than an on-duty police officer dies, sustains a serious injury, or is injured by a firearm used by a police officer during a police intervention or while the person is in police custody.



ALLEGATIONS: Allegations of sexual offenses committed by on-duty police officers are reported to BEI.

OR Allegations by Indigenous complainants or victims regarding criminal offenses committed by on-duty or off-duty police officers are reported to BEI.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

OR BEI investigates allegations of criminal offences committed by police officers when instructed to do so by the Minister of Public Security.

INVESTIGATION: A team is dispatched to investigate the incident. The lead investigator ensures all necessary information is obtained for the investigation.



INVESTIGATIONS: BEI investigators are responsible for conducting investigations. They meet with victims and witnesses and gather all the necessary information to shed light on the event.



REPORT: BEI sends its report to DPCP upon completion of the investigation. If a death is involved the report is also sent to the coroner's office.



REPORTS: Once investigations are completed, BEI sends its reports to the DPCP. In the case of allegations of sexual offenses, BEI may, after investigation, close the file if it considers the allegations frivolous or unfounded.



ANALYSIS BY THE DIRECTEUR DES POURSUITES CRIMINELLES ET PÉNALES

FILE CLOSURE: If DPCP decides not to charge a police officer, BEI meets with the individual or the family to communicate the decision. DPCP then publishes the basis for its decision.

JUDICIAL PROCESS: If DPCP lays charges against a police officer, the judicial process begins.

FILE CLOSURE: If DPCP decides not to charge a police officer, BEI meets with the complainant to communicate the decision.

SUMMARY: BEI publishes a summary of its independent investigation that respects its obligation to protect personal and sensitive information.



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