

**IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 202 OF THE *COMMUNITY SAFETY AND
POLICING ACT, 2019*, AS AMENDED**

IN THE MATTER OF

SERGEANT ROB STODDARD

- and

**CHIEF OF POLICE PETER MOREIRA DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE
SERVICE**

DECEITFUL AND/OR MISLEADING DURING COMPELLED INTERVIEW

DISMISSAL ORDER

Before: **Emily Cole, Adjudicator**

For the Applicant: **Joanne Mulcahy**

Lawrence Gridin (July 29, 2025-April 13, 2026)

For the Respondent: **Alex Sinclair**

I. BACKGROUND

[1] The Applicant applied under section 202 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sch. 1 [the CSPA] for a Police Discipline Adjudication regarding allegations that Sgt. Stoddart was deceitful and/or misleading during a compelled interview with Professional Standards Investigators.

[2] There is a companion proceeding under the Police Services Act, [the PSA] regarding allegations of misconduct which occurred before the CSPA came into force and were the subject of the compelled interview.

[3] The PSA was repealed on April 1, 2024, and replaced with the CSPA.

II. ALLEGATIONS

[4] It is alleged that Sgt STODDARD

Allegation 1

- i. On or about May 16, 2024, Sgt. Stoddart attended a compelled interview with Professional Standards investigators who were investigating allegations that Sgt. Stoddart committed misconduct. Sgt. Stoddart was deceitful and/or misleading during the compelled interview when he denied that he permitted Civilian Employee Beth Stewart ("Civ. Stewart") to hold his Service-issued firearm on or about March 13, 2024.
- ii. Sgt. Stoddart was deceitful and/or misleading in relation to his duties, his employment and/or the administration of justice in violation of section 31 of O.Reg. 407/23: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLICE OFFICERS under the CSPA.

Allegation 2

- (i) On or about May 16, 2024, Sgt. Stoddart attended a compelled interview with Professional Standards investigators who were investigating allegations that Sgt. Stoddart committed misconduct. Sgt. Stoddart was deceitful and/or misleading during the compelled interview when he denied previously having any intimate contact with his subordinate, Civ. Stewart.
- (ii) Sgt. Stoddart was deceitful and/or misleading in relation to his duties, his

employment and/or the administration of justice in violation of section 31 of O.Reg. 407/23: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLICE OFFICERS under the CSPA.

Allegation 3

- (i) On or about May 16, 2024, Sgt. Stoddart attended a compelled interview with Professional Standards investigators who were investigating allegations that Sgt. Stoddart committed misconduct. Sgt. Stoddart was deceitful and/or misleading during the compelled interview when he denied that he slapped his subordinate, Civ. Stewart, on the buttocks.
- (ii) Sgt. Stoddart was deceitful and/or misleading in relation to his duties, his employment and/or the administration of justice in violation of section 31 of O.Reg. 407/23: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLICE OFFICERS under the CSPA.

Allegation 4

- i. On or about May 16, 2024, Sgt. Stoddart attended a compelled interview with Professional Standards investigators who were investigating allegations that Sgt. Stoddart committed misconduct. Sgt. Stoddart was deceitful or misleading during the compelled interview when he told investigators that he retrieved his firearm from the gun room on March 15, 2023, for annual block training, and returned it in the afternoon of March 15, 2023, after completing his firearms requalification.
- ii. Sgt. Stoddart was deceitful and/or misleading in relation to his duties, his employment and/or the administration of justice in violation of section 31 of O.Reg. 407/23: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLICE OFFICERS under the CSPA.

[5] An investigation conducted under section 198 of the CSPA provided Chief Moreira with reasonable grounds to believe that Sgt. Stoddart has engaged in conduct that constitutes misconduct and that the appropriate disciplinary measure is termination of Sgt. Stoddart's employment.

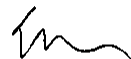
III. APPEARANCES

- [6] The parties appeared by videoconference on July 29, 2025, August 22, 2025, October 20, 2025, November 24, 2025, December 8, 2025, January 20, 2026, February 3, 2026, March 9, 2025, April 13, 2026, and April 21, 2026.
- [15] On April 21, 2026, the parties appeared by videoconference.
- [16] Ms. Mulcahy appeared and advised that the Respondent has retained her. Mr. Gridin has been discharged. I released Mr. Gridin.
- [17] The parties agree the PSA matter will proceed first. The PSA merits hearing is scheduled to begin September 14, 2026, and conclude on or before October 16, 2026.
- [18] The parties agreed to return on October 20, 2026, to provide an update.
- [19] On September 15, 2026, counsel for Durham Regional Police Service advised by email that Sgt. Rob Stoddard had retired. As a result, there is no longer jurisdiction for this matter to proceed pursuant to s. 206 of the CSPA.
- [20] Attached to the email was a copy of Routine Order (ID: 10277) which stated: *Effective September 14, 2026, Sgt. Rob Stoddard has submitted his notification of retirement. His last day of work will be September 14, 2026.*
- [21] **Section 206** (1) of the CSPA states:
- If a police officer who is the subject of an investigation under section 198 or a process to impose a disciplinary measure or combination of disciplinary measures under section 200 or 202 resigns before a disciplinary measure is imposed, no further action shall be taken under this Part after the date of resignation.

IV. ORDER

- [22] This matter is dismissed due to a lack of jurisdiction.

Dated and signed September 16, 2026, at the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario.



Emily Cole, Adjudicator