



REPORT TO THE POLICE SERVICE BOARD

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Type of Report: Public

Title: Hearing Decision Notification Pursuant to Section 85(8) of the Act.

Recommendation:

That the Board receives for information, this summary of the Part V *Police Services Act* Hearing Decision for Constable Chris Hansson #3715.

Background / Purpose:

Section 85(8) of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, states in part, that the Chief of Police shall promptly give written notice of any penalty imposed or action taken under subsection (1), (2), (3) or (7), with reasons, to the police officer who is the subject of the complaint and to the Board.

To comply with s. 85(8) of the *Police Services Act*, the following is submitted for the information of the Board.

Discussion:

Constable (Cst.) Chris Hansson #3715 has been employed by the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) since June 2016, and is currently assigned to North Division 'D' Platoon.

On August 4, 2022, Cst. Hansson attended the DRPS Professional Standards Unit as ordered, to participate in a compelled interview. Cst. Hansson declined to answer questions posed to him in relation to whether he made a financial contribution to the Freedom Convoy. Cst. Hansson was cautioned for the *Police Services Act* offence of insubordination, and ordered to answer the questions he was asked. Despite the order, Cst. Hansson declined to answer the questions based on his belief the questions were regarding his personal and private information, and he was off duty at the time the alleged contribution occurred.

On December 27, 2022, Cst. Hansson was provided a Notice to Attend a Hearing for one allegation of insubordination, in that without lawful excuse, Cst. Hansson disobeyed, omitted, or neglected to carry out a lawful order, contrary to the *Police Services Act*.

On June 12, 2024, Hearing Officer Superintendent (Ret.) Greg Walton found Cst. Hansson guilty of one count of insubordination, contrary to the *Police Services Act*.

On November 19, 2024, Hearing Officer Superintendent (Ret.) Greg Walton ordered a disposition that Cst. Hansson be demoted for a term of three months, from first-class constable to second-class constable. At the conclusion of that term, Cst. Hansson is to be reinstated to his former rank of first-class constable.

Previous Police Services Act Convictions:

Professional Standards Unit files have been reviewed to determine if Cst. Hansson had any previous *Police Services Act* convictions in the past five years. The review determined the officer had no formal Part V *Police Services Act* convictions on file.

Report Approval Details

This report is approved and signed as outlined below:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter MOREIRA", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter MOREIRA