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Dear Sir:

Re: ^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} [REDACTED]

I am inquiring on the status of a formal complaint made to Winnipeg Police Service Professional Standards Unit respecting an allegation of assault.

^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} [REDACTED]

^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} asked what role, if any, the IIU would assume over this allegation. I advised ^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} of my views of the operation of the *Police Services Act*, specifically that the IIU does not take direct complaints from the public. I advised that the appropriate course would be to contact WPS and file a formal complaint of the assault allegation. The IIU would then be notified by the police service and assess the circumstances to determine what role it will play in this investigation.

^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} contacted me again to advise that he had contacted WPS the previous afternoon, three times, to report ^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} client's complaint. He eventually spoke with a Sgt ^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} (sp?) of PSU and provided all particulars of the allegation.

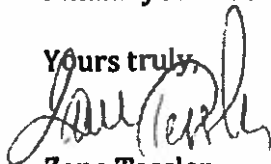
As of ^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} advised that neither ^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} nor ^{17(1) 17(2)(b)} client have been contacted by anyone from WPS or specifically PSU regarding this matter. It would appear that no investigation has been commenced.

IIU has not received any notification from WPS respecting this formal complaint (despite the fact that, in my opinion, these circumstances fall within the scope of section 73 of the *Police Services Act*).

Can you advise me on the status of this matter? As well, when would you anticipate IIU would receive the Part 7 notification as required under the *Police Services Act*?

I thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zane Tessler', written over the typed name.

Zane Tessler
Civilian Director