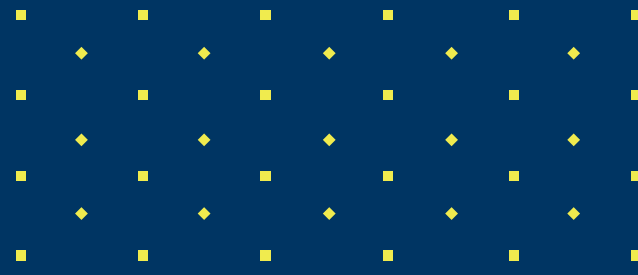


The BEI's Investigation Stages



Independent Investigation

Criminal Investigation



INCIDENT

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



ALLEGATION

The BEI receives an allegation of a sexual offence committed by a on-duty police officer.

or the BEI is informed of an allegation made by a complainant or an Indigenous victim concerning any criminal offence committed by a police officer, whether or not it occurred while on duty.

or the Minister of Public Security asks the BEI to investigate an allegation of a criminal offence committed by a police officer.



INVESTIGATION

BEI investigators are assigned to conduct an investigation. They meet the victims and witnesses and gather all the information required as evidence for the incident.



REPORT

Once the investigation is complete, the BEI forwards its report to the DPCP. In the event of a sexual allegation, the BEI will close the file if it considers the allegation frivolous or unfounded.

CLOSING THE INVESTIGATION

The Director has the power to close an independent investigation unless public confidence in the police could be seriously compromised and if the director is satisfied that the police action did not contribute to the death or serious injury. A BEI investigator meets with those affected by the incident to communicate the decision.



INVESTIGATION

Investigators are assigned to gather evidence. The lead investigator ensures that all information required for the investigation is obtained.



REPORT

Once the investigation is complete, the BEI forwards its report to the DPCP and, in the event of death, to the Coroner's Office.

ANALYSIS BY THE DIRECTEUR DES POURSUITES CRIMINELLES ET PÉNALES (DPCP)



CLOSING THE FILE

If the DPCP decides not to lay charges against a police officer, the BEI meets with the individual or their family and communicates this decision. The DPCP then publishes its justification.



JUDICIAL PROCESS

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



CLOSING THE FILE

If the DPCP decides not to lay charges against a police officer, the BEI meets with the complainant and communicates this decision.



STATEMENT

The BEI publishes a statement on the progress of its independent investigation, while respecting its obligation to protect the personal and sensitive information it contains.

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