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Mr. Sean House von Dehn

**RE: Public Complaint – *Part VII of the RCMP Act*
Mr. Sean House von Dehn vs. Reservist Sergeant Jean-Paul (JP) Potvin**

Dear Mr. House von Dehn,

This letter is in reference to your concerns as expressed to the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (CRCC) on October 18, 2024. You expressed a concern with respect to the manner in which you were treated by Reservist Sergeant Jean-Paul (JP) Potvin when you attended the RCMP Detachment located at 155 McArthur Avenue in Ottawa, Ontario on October 15, 2024. You advised that you had attended the RCMP Detachment to make a complaint and spoke to Reservist Sergeant Potvin who refused to take your complaint and demanded that you leave the building. In particular, you state that after he demanded that you leave the premises he then aggressively grabbed you and escorted you from the lobby.

A review of the details in your correspondence has revealed that the RCMP employee you identified as "*Officer Padre*" (subsequently identified as Sergeant Potvin) is a Reservist Employee and not a regular or civilian member of the RCMP.

Part VII of the *RCMP Act* provides an investigation and review process in instances where a complaint is made about the conduct of an RCMP member in the performance of his or her duties, as per subsection 45.53(1) of the *RCMP Act*. This mechanism cannot be applied with respect to complaints concerning Reservist Employees. Accordingly, your concerns will not be investigated under Part VII of the *RCMP Act*.

I appreciate the time you have taken in raising the concerns described in your correspondence. Please be informed that a copy of your complaint has been forwarded to the Program Coordinator for the Protective Policing Reserve Program for their awareness and any further action that they deem necessary.

Regards,

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