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Directive to Professional Standards

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The Toronto Police Service conducts a wide variety of misconduct investigations related to its members - some of those involve conduct that may be criminal in nature.

In order to safeguard the public's trust in conducting investigations that involve allegations of criminal behaviour, and in order to ensure compliance with the recommendations of the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services in its Report on an Inquiry into administration of internal investigations by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force (August 1992)(Gordon Junger and Brian Whitehead), the following applies:

- In every investigation where there may be reasonable grounds to believe that a criminal offence has been committed, and a criminal charge could be laid against a member, the investigator should consider consulting with the relevant prosecution authority before charging decisions are made.
- In all circumstances where there may be reasonable grounds to believe that a criminal offence has been committed, and the investigator(s) may take the position that no criminal charge should be laid; the investigator(s) **shall** consult with the prosecution authority to attain a legal opinion on the merits of laying or not laying a charge. This opinion **shall** be included within the Report of Investigation.