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**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD FILES STATEMENT OF DEFENCE IN
BONDS' CLAIM**

OTTAWA - The Ottawa Police Services Board yesterday served its Statement of Defence in the Stacy Bonds lawsuit on Ms. Bonds' legal counsel. It is anticipated that the Defence will be filed with the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto later today.

The Statement of Defence was based on a preliminary review of the available video evidence, court transcripts and any other documentary evidence. The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) has not yet completed its investigation in the case and its findings were therefore not available before the Statement of Defence was filed. In order to comply with the Rules of Civil Procedure and the timetable set with Ms. Bonds' legal counsel, the defence had to be served in order to preserve the Board's legal interests.

The Police Services Board may file an amended Statement of Defence once the SIU investigation is complete and more details are available. As the case is still under investigation by the SIU and the lawsuit is before the courts, the Police Services Board is unable to provide any additional comment.

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