

November 6, 2025

Via email: mlepore@hotmail.com

Mark Lepore
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Dear Mark Lepore:

**Re: Public Complaint: Sault Ste. Marie Police Service
LECA Complaint Number: E-202510071427289786**

The Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA) has reviewed your complaint and has determined it to be a conduct complaint about members of the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service with respect to incidents that occurred between January 4, 2025, and October 4, 2025.

In the complaint, you state that despite multiple 911 calls, including the most recent call on October 4, 2025, no charges have been laid. You state that this marks the third or fourth documented trespass, but the responding officers have consistently refused to address the matters as criminal acts. You state that, instead, you have been subjected to invasive and inappropriate questions, including, "Do you have food here?", "Do you need counselling?", "Why did you buy property in Nicaragua?". You state that these questions are irrelevant to the trespass complaint and deflect from the actual crime. You state that you believe this pattern reflects institutional bias, and may be influenced by external affiliations, including Rotary-linked networks. You have provided a list of affiliated police reports, which include allegations of international money laundering involving Rotary Club members, poisoning by your father, and trespassing by your father.

Please note, sections 153 and 158(1)(d)(ii) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA) permit the Complaints Director not to cause a complaint to be investigated if, having regard to all the circumstances, it is not in the public interest to do so. Further, Rules 10.9 and 10.10 of the LECA Rules of Procedure state that in determining whether to screen a complaint in for investigation, the Complaints Director shall have regard to the public interest. Rule 10.11 states that it is not in the public interest to screen in a complaint that does not, on its face, disclose a breach of the Act or the Code of Conduct.

At the outset, we accept that you are troubled by the events you have described and nothing in this letter is intended to minimize your feelings; however, an investigation into police conduct seeks to determine whether there are grounds to believe that the officers committed misconduct.

Please note that police officers are entitled to use their discretion in the course of their duties. This exercise of discretion extends to their investigations and their decisions regarding the arrest of suspects and/or the laying of charges. Providing they act in good faith and within the bounds of reasonableness, an officer's legitimate exercise of discretion cannot be considered misconduct.

In this case, while we appreciate that you believe the police should have laid charges for trespassing and for the other matters you have raised in your complaint, their decision not to do so would not in itself indicate that misconduct occurred. The threshold for laying a charge is informed by whether the police have probable and reasonable grounds to believe that an offence has occurred. Based on a review of the information provided, it appears that the police attended each call, assessed the situation, and made the determination that no criminal act had occurred and, therefore, no criminal charges were merited. Based on the complaint details, this seems to be a decision that was reasonably made, and there is no evidence to suggest that they took inappropriate factors into account in making this decision as suggested in the complaint. Additionally, it appears that the line of questioning that was asked by the officers was based on their observations and was part of their process of assessing the situation. While the questions may have been viewed as irrelevant and inappropriate, the questions given the context of the situation, would not be viewed as misconduct.

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, the Complaints Director has determined that it is not in the public interest to cause your complaint to be investigated. Accordingly, our file is now closed.

Please be advised that the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, our governing legislation, does not provide for an appeal from the classification and screening of complaints conducted by LECA. The only means of review for this decision is a judicial review in the Divisional Court.

A copy of your complaint as well as our decision not to proceed have been forwarded to the Chief of the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service.

Sincerely,
On behalf of the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency:

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