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Report on misconduct by Geraldton police officers

The Commission has today tabled a report in Parliament of misconduct by two police officers in Geraldton. The report outlines the actions of the officers both during and following a police pursuit.

The incident occurred on 20 May 2024 when a police vehicle, driven by Senior Constable (SC) Brent Wyndham made physical contact with an evading vehicle twice. The second point of contact caused the evading vehicle to spin and come to a stop. This action is called a Precision Intercept Technique or 'PIT' manoeuvre and is only permitted in exceptional circumstances.

Following the incident, SC Wyndham and Constable Miatke, a passenger in the police vehicle, made statements that the evading vehicle rammed them, and the evading vehicle presented a danger to children standing in the street. The Commission's investigation established these statements were false. It was in fact the police vehicle that first instigated contact with the evading vehicle and there was no one standing in the street.

This false information was repeated by SC Wyndham and Constable Miatke in their witness statements to support the prosecution of the evading driver for criminal damage to a police vehicle.

The Commission has formed an opinion of serious misconduct by SC Wyndham and an opinion of police misconduct by Constable Miatke. The report recommends WA Police give consideration to the prosecution of SC Wyndham, who has resigned from the WA Police.

The Commission's investigation also highlights concerns in the supervision and management of staff at Geraldton Police Station, the conduct of officers when interviewing suspects and recommends WA Police conduct a review of its new use of emergency response driving tactics, including the use of PIT manoeuvres.

The report is available <u>here</u>.

A finding or opinion that misconduct has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur is not, and is not to be taken as, a finding or opinion that a particular person is guilty of or has committed, is committing or is about to commit a criminal offence or disciplinary offence.

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