

College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia

Consent Reprimands

DELANEY, Anthony

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On March 3, 2021, the Investigation Committee of the College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia (CPNS) ordered, pursuant to section 67(6)(a)(i) of the *Paramedics Regulations*, and with the consent of Mr. Delaney, that he receive reprimands for: conducting an inadequate assessment and intervention; and, inadequate documentation.

It was alleged that during a call for a mental health issue in March 2020 in which the patient declined an assessment, Mr. Delaney failed to make a reasonable attempt to elicit even basic information from the patient regarding the circumstances of the call and the patient's health status, and failed to collaborate with others in order to attempt to engage the patient. The patient was ultimately left in the care of police. It was further alleged that the documentation of the encounter failed to include a number of important details, including a lack of information regarding the patient's circumstances preceding incident, a lack of detail regarding an assessment of the patient's capacity, and a failure to document any discussion regarding the risks of declining assessment and transport. Mr. Delaney believed that because the patient had declined assessment and was left in the care of police, no further action was warranted. He believed that his partner was responsible for documenting the interaction. Based on the information provided by others on the scene and the available documentation, the Committee was satisfied that Mr. Delaney breached the *Standards* and the *Code of Ethics* related to assessment, intervention, and documentation.

The Committee determined that under these circumstances, Mr. Delaney's breach of the *Standards of Practice* and the *Code of Ethics* was unprofessional, and that pursuant to s. 67(4)(g) of the *Regulations*, there is sufficient evidence that, if proven, would constitute professional misconduct. The Committee determined that the reprimands were the appropriate outcome in this situation.

On July 6, 2021, Mr. Delaney consented to the reprimands.