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IIU concludes investigation into serious injury incident involving Gimli RCMP

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into a serious injury incident involving members of the Gimli RCMP and has determined that no criminal charges should be laid against any officer.

On July 19, 2015, an RCMP member was performing traffic duties north of Gimli when a vehicle passed the officer at a high rate of speed. Following a pursuit, the officer called for back-up and the 37-year-old male was arrested and taken into custody. During the arrest he received an injury to his left eye and was diagnosed in hospital with a non-displaced fractured orbital bone. As this is a serious injury as defined by IIU regulations, the IIU took over the investigation.

During the course of the investigation, two members of the RCMP were designated as subject officers.

IIU Civilian Director Zane Tessler received the completed investigation. Following a review by Manitoba Prosecution Services and on consideration of all the evidence gathered, he is satisfied that no charges should be authorized against the officers.

The man involved in this altercation remains before the Court on numerous charges arising out of this incident. As such, the IIU will not comment further on this matter.

The complete report of the civilian director will be posted online once the charges are dealt with by the Court. The details of this investigation were first released on August 11, 2015.

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