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IIU concludes investigation into fatality at Winnipeg Remand Centre

The Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) has concluded its investigation into the death of a man in custody at the Winnipeg Remand Centre in October 2016. No police officer will face any charges as a result of the incident.

After arresting a man at an Ellice Avenue convenience store the evening of October 11, 2016, Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) officers transported him to the Winnipeg Remand Centre. During his processing there early the next morning, a struggle took place between the man, three corrections officers and two members of the WPS in a shower room. During this struggle, the man suffered a medical emergency and became unresponsive. He was transported by ambulance to the Health Sciences Centre where he was pronounced deceased.

As this matter involved the death of a person that may have resulted from the actions of a police officer, IIU was mandated to investigate.

The IIU investigation included interviews with numerous police and corrections officers, review of closed circuit audio and video recordings from the Remand Centre, and a pathology report. The pathologist wrote the man died from cardiac arrhythmia that was magnified by the toxic effects of methamphetamine in his bloodstream, combined with the stress and injuries he incurred from being involved in a physical altercation.

IIU forwarded the complete investigation file to Manitoba Prosecution Services, requesting that it review the file and provide its opinion. Following a thorough review of the file, Manitoba Prosecution Services advised IIU there is no reasonable likelihood of either police officer being convicted. Based on this advice, neither officer will face any *Criminal Code* charges arising from this matter.

IIU has completed its investigation and this matter is now closed.

The final report summarizing the IIU investigation is available at www.iumanitoba.ca. The details of this investigation were first released on October 13, 2016.

There will also be an inquest into this death, as required under the *Fatality Inquiries Act*.

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