

August 17, 2017

IIU investigating arrest and subsequent death in custody in Winnipeg

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) is investigating circumstances surrounding an arrest and subsequent death in custody that occurred on August 13, 2017.

On August 16, the IIU was notified by the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) that on August 9 officers had used force in the course of arresting and processing an individual. During processing at WPS the man complained of sore ribs. He was transported to hospital by police where he was medically cleared and subsequently detained at the Winnipeg Remand Centre (WRC).

On August 11, the individual was transported from the WRC to hospital. On August 13, WPS was advised that he had died.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 66(1) of The Police Services Act. The IIU investigators were deployed upon notification. As this matter involves a fatality, a request for a civilian monitor will be made to the Manitoba Police Commission.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty. For more information about the IIU, visit www.iiumanitoba.ca.

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