

December 18, 2017

RCMP officer faces charge following IIU investigation into careless storage of firearm

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba (IIU) has concluded its investigation into an allegation of unsafe storage of a firearm by an on-duty RCMP officer.

The IIU issued its initial news release on August 17, 2017, advising it had launched an investigation into an allegation that on August 15, 2017 the officer had improperly stored his service pistol. According to the notification received by the IIU, it was alleged that the officer left his unsecured service pistol in a northern Manitoba hotel room following checkout. The IIU has conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances of the incident, and Civilian Director Zane Tessler is satisfied there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe a criminal offence occurred.

On December 15, Constable Jeremy Newbury was informed of the charge of careless storage of a firearm and was served with a summons to appear at Provincial Court in Flin Flon on February 1, 2018.

As this matter is now before the courts, the IIU will not make any further comment on its investigation.

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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