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IIU investigating allegation of assault by Winnipeg police

Manitoba's Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating members of the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) concerning an allegation of assault by officers.

According to WPS, in the early hours of October 9 officers were called to a lounge in response to a complaint of an altercation. While at the scene, they arrested a 29-year-old female for breaching a previous court order. While in custody, the woman experienced some health issues and was transported to Health Sciences Centre. During transportation to HSC she claimed she had been assaulted by WPS members.

WPS immediately notified IIU of the allegation. Although there were no serious injuries, the civilian director considers it to be in the public interest to have the unit conduct an investigation.

The IIU investigates all serious incidents involving police officers in Manitoba, whether occurring on or off duty.

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