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IIU investigating after pedestrian dies in fatal traffic accident Off-duty officer arrested

Manitoba's Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of an adult male after he was struck by a vehicle driven by a Winnipeg police officer who left the scene and was later arrested.

The Winnipeg Police Service notified the IIU that yesterday evening at approximately 8:00 p.m., in the area of Main Street and Sutherland Avenue, a vehicle driven by an off-duty member of the Winnipeg Police Service struck a 23-year-old male pedestrian. The man was transported to hospital, where he later died. The driver was apprehended and taken into custody in the area of Main Street and Red River Boulevard.

The IIU was immediately notified of the accident and deployed its investigators to the scene. The officer was arrested on allegations of impaired driving causing death and failure to stop and remain at the scene of an accident. He was released from custody on a promise to appear in court November 22.

As this matter involves a fatality, the IIU has requested the Manitoba Police Commission appoint a civilian monitor, as required under legislation.

The IIU is asking witnesses and other individuals who have information or video footage that may assist this investigation to contact the agency toll-free at 1-844-667-6060.

Since this is an ongoing matter, no further details about the incident or the investigation will be provided.

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