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IIU investigating RCMP officer-involved shooting

Manitoba's Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) is investigating the death of an 18-year-old man that occurred earlier today.

According to details provided to the IIU by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), at approximately 8:25 p.m., on November 14, 2017, an RCMP officer became involved in a physical altercation with a male being escorted from Ashern to Winnipeg. The male assaulted the police officer and during this attack, the officer discharged his firearm. The male gained control of the officer's firearm and fled the scene in the unmarked police vehicle. RCMP commenced a search for this male.

At approximately 11:50 p.m., the male was located near the Lake Manitoba First Nation. A lengthy pursuit ensued, ending when the male's vehicle entered a ditch. During the course of the arrest, the male was shot and pronounced deceased at scene.

The IIU has assumed responsibility for this investigation in accordance with section 65(1) of The Police Services Act. IIU investigators were deployed to the scene.

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

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